RURAL INDUSTRIES

(By Harry Thompson)

Other things being equal, it is often more amusing to tell the truth than to invent lies, for the reason why politicians have such a bad name. The remark is prompted by the outlook for the State of Rural Industries Commission, especially since the inquiry into the decay of rural industries has been completed. A large-scale conference must be held to enquire into the causes of this decline, and the commission's recommendations will influence the future of the rural community.

The report is due to be published during the next few weeks, and it is expected to make a number of significant recommendations. The commission has found that a number of factors have contributed to the decline of rural industries, including the decline in rural population, the increase in the cost of living, and the lack of government support.

The commission has recommended a number of measures to address these issues, including the provision of grants to support rural industries, the provision of training opportunities for rural workers, and the establishment of a national rural development agency.

The report is expected to be welcomed by the government and industry groups, who have long called for action to support rural industries. However, some commentators have expressed concern that the recommendations may not be implemented, as the government may be under pressure to cut spending.