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ing the rural life program in the same basket with Subsistence Homesteads was justifiable. As a matter of fact it would prove ruinous.

If Mr. Ickes makes an adverse decision, it will necessitate an appeal to Congress and the President, and while this would give advantageous publicity, it would be a matter of delay and therefore hurtful.

You generously ask how you can help. My thought is that if you could spend two days here- more if you possibly can -I could put in your possession all of the basic facts which would enable you to write an article- very condensed but carrying your conviction "that the primary motive power in our American life, the life of any Nation for that matter, depends upon what a man does on the land. And this is not alone economic - it is the basis of his social, intellectual and ethical life as I see it."

Such a statement from you at this time brought up to date would, I believe, be given national publicity and add sufficient strength to other forces which must be put in motion to turn the tide.

The second thing you can do - and I think it should be second - would be to induce Mrs. Roosevelt to make a visit to Castle Haynes and Penderlee. She is fond of flying and could fly from Washington to the landing field in Wilmington in a few hours, be shown all she wants to see, and return to Washington that night.

Perhaps you could think out a way that you and Mrs. Roosevelt could come together on your invitation and then your statement would be assured of even wider publicity.

With kindest regards from Mrs. MacRae and myself,

Sincerely yours,

Hugh MacRae

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January 16, 1935.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. Nineteenth St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

From telegrams exchanged with Secretary Ickes -
copies of which are enclosed - it looks as if he may render
an important decision in the near future, which, in turn, may
have an influence on a broad rural life program.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh MacRae

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