

Garbage is coming up roses.

Twenty years from now, crops growing on recycled garbage will be an everyday sight.

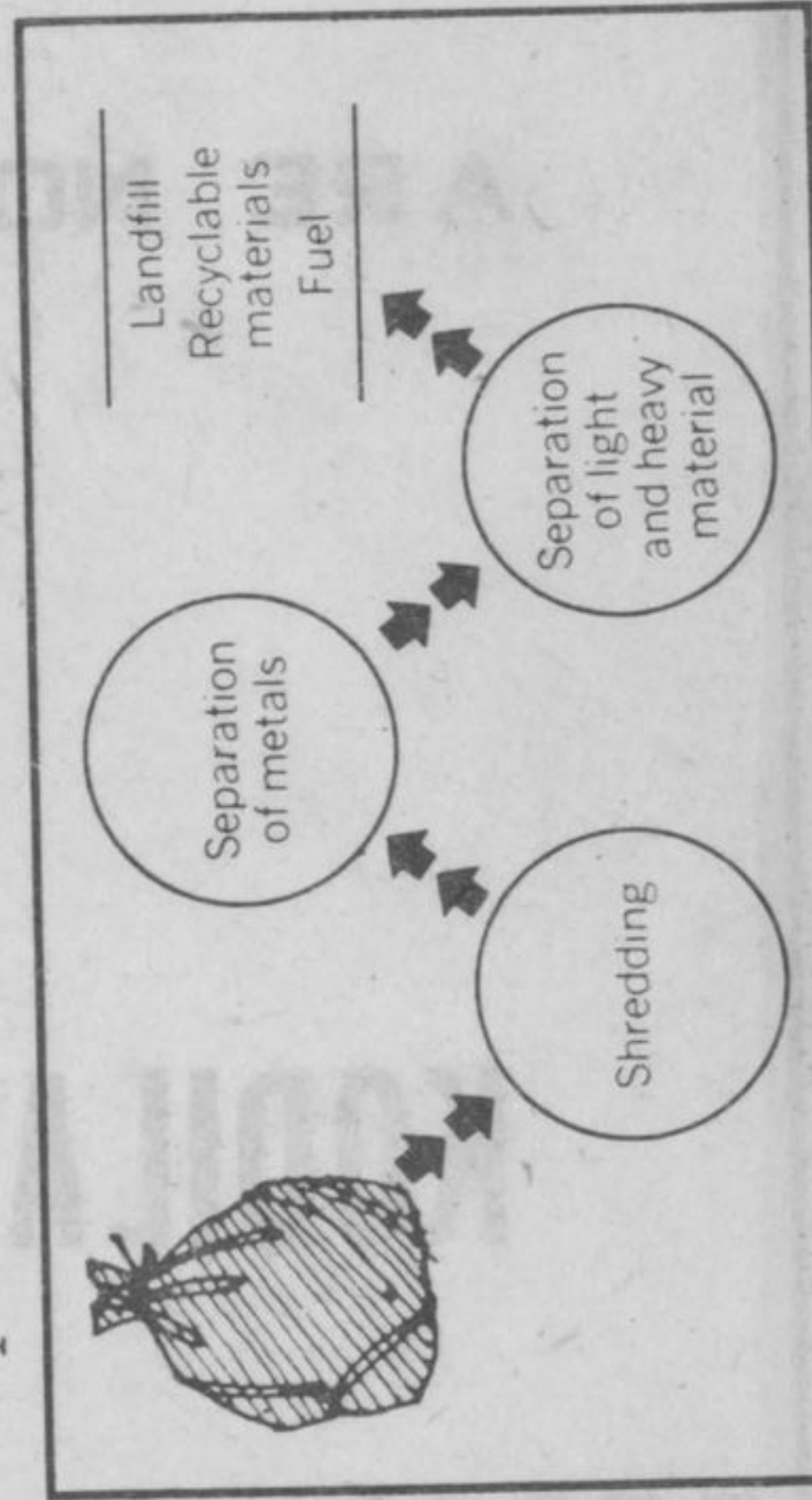
That's pretty hard to imagine right now because most of us think of garbage as just that—garbage. But, in fact, it's a potential resource.

And the Ontario Ministry of the Environment is harnessing it.

How does it happen?

By recycling. Garbage will be taken to recycling centres where it will be shredded, separated, and some of it, turned into fertile soil to revitalize barren areas of the province. The same basic shredding and separating process will also produce fuel, paper, cardboard, metals.

And we've just begun to explore the possible end uses of garbage.



south eastern Ontario.

In 15 years there will be recycling centres all across the province to handle 90 per cent of Ontario's garbage—everything from abandoned cars to organic waste.

Why recycle?

Because the people of Ontario—all of us—pile up garbage at three times the rate that the population increases.

The Ministry is working on ways to reduce that amount, but we'll always have garbage. And we're having trouble finding places to put it and the landfill to cover it.

Once garbage is being recycled, those problems will be over. But more important than the dumping problems, we're literally throwing away valuable resources with every ton of garbage we discard.

In a community of 100,000, garbage recycling will conserve the equivalent of up to 3,500,000 gallons of fuel oil a year, 3,600 tons of reclaimed steel, 4,500 tons of glass.

Our recycling program is considered one of the most advanced in the world. It's a



The system is a first step.