

have the faith in Northern Ontario they profess, why do they not invest their money there and thus give a great impetus to the development of that country?

Advantages of North Ontario compared with West.

Now, just a word with reference to the advantages of the North compared with the West. Bush land cannot be settled as quickly as the prairie can; it takes more time and patience to prepare it for cultivation, and returns are not quite as quick, but in my belief the returns are surer and will give greater satisfaction and comfort. There are difficulties in the West that we never have here. They have transportation difficulties, while the settler in the North has a market at his door. We have a wealth of scenery, magnificent forests, mountains, lakes and rivers, and advantages and pleasures untold that the West does not possess. My honorable friend asks then, why do we not settle that country as quickly as in the West? My answer is, all classes of settlers that have been settling in the West are not adapted to the timbered country in the North, and, as I have already stated, it would be a mistake to place them there. Then, up to the present time the forces working for the settlement of the West have been very great and strong. We have had the land companies that my honorable friend from Glengarry referred to in the West, using every effort to settle that country. We have had the great railway companies, whose every interest impelled them to direct settlement past Ontario and to the West, and up to the present time at all events the Government of Canada has been exerting all its influence to turn the flow of settlement to Western Canada instead of Ontario. I do not intend to criticise the action of the Dominion Government in this regard. The present Government is doing a little better than the former Government did, but in my opinion it ought to do much more even than it is yet doing for the settlement and development of the unoccupied lands of Ontario.

Now I want to point out, however, to my honorable friend, what I am sure will be a matter of comfort to him, that settlers are not only going more into the North than formerly instead of to the West, but that we have a number and no small number who have become dissatisfied with the West, returning and tak-