

but may not be a very "good time" unless we exercise not only forethought, but active preparation for the conditions which are likely to prevail.

Present expediency is the characteristic of modern legislation; upon conditions and interests other than those specially dealt with; most of the enactments are without due consideration of their effect partyism taking the place of patriotism, and personal influences displacing public requirements.

We are all hoping for the termination of the present war; we all know that very grave questions will then arise as to the disposition of the men released from military service and their families as well as what may reasonably be expected, viz., a great influx of emigrants, not only from Europe, but also from Asia, to British Columbia. We cannot call on India and Japan for co-operation in war-time and refuse admittance to their people when peace-time comes.

We desire a long continuance of comfort, prosperity and progress, intellectually, morally, and religiously; we have had sufficient of booms and frauds and immorality; we have seen several failures of settlements and many difficulties which might have been avoided by a little forethought and care. The Malcolm Island settlement could have been made successful by proper control and oversight; the Doukhobors had given such warnings as should have prompted conditions of settlement before registration of titles; the guidance and wise oversight of the settlers in the Bella Coola District should have produced the largest and richest city on the coast. We have issued scrip to veterans which has been the spoil of speculators, and Crown grants to homesteaders who have been ruined and mocked by the issue of timber licenses on their lands, after they had complied with the requirements of the law, and we are likely to continue the same lack of system and foresight, from all of which madness we pray to be delivered.

In November, 1911, appeared in the Mail and Empire:—

WISE SETTLEMENT POLICY FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Government Should Exercise Careful and Efficient Oversight in Peopling Arable Districts—Undesirable Land Should Be Kept Out of Market Except for Leasehold for Pasturage—Dictation of Location of Townsites Should Also Remain Vested in the Administration.

The rich hinterland of Ontario is now attracting world-wide attention, and the following letter to The Mail and Empire from Mr. Henry Lye, of Vancouver, B. C., who, from his wide and varied experience, speaks with the voice of authority which is worthy of careful consideration. Mr. Lye writes as follows:—