

The factors of land, labour and capital form the trinity in whose power early economists rightly saw the very source and origin of wealth. These three elements we have. The problem is that of co-ordination. The erroneous doctrine that an empty-handed man is of no economic value has carried the day. The relief worker, sometimes taunted by gibes of those sitting in secure places, that he get out and do something for himself, is in his spirit of frustration, but a realist. Alone, he is unable to move beyond the range of his "dole". The other economic elements are waiting to be so put into place but he cannot make contact with them. A connection must be made between our empty regions wanting people and our countless people wanting homes. This connection must be made through capital. The money which has been drawn by the average relief recipient has been more than sufficient to provide that capital. What, for want of a constructive policy, would have provided homes and work has been allowed to dribble away.

We, of the unemployed, propose to bring together the three factors which we have mentioned. We will form our own Company for the purposes involving the development of the resources and the settlement of the Queen Charlotte Islands. In return for such privileges, concessions and monopolies as we shall be able to obtain, we will undertake in return, to employ and settle - not necessarily on farms, but as workers - so many hundreds or so many thousands of the unemployed as shall be possible in accordance with the amount of support which we receive.

We are not asking Governments to initiate anything. We are doing that ourselves. What we want to know, however, is where and to what extent we can receive support.

Our proposition for settlement of the Queen Charlotte Islands must be on a scale large enough to carry out the basic idea that our migration must open its own markets, the secret of it lies in that. If properly varied, it is its own support. It supplies its own markets. It works its own salvation. Even if we were to grant that they all become peasant settlers, they would be producing in a year or two more than their own