

moments, while I endeavour to give you some idea—and with the time at my disposal it must be an incomplete one—of the Province of which I have the honour to be Prime Minister.

Ontario has an area of 407,262 square miles, or 260,647,636 acres. It is the second largest Province in the Dominion of Canada, being only exceeded in extent by the Province of Quebec. A better idea of the size of this Province may be gained when I point out that it is eighteen times as large as England, that maintains a population of 30,000,000, three times the size of our enemy Austria, that has a population of 26,000,000, twice the size of our arch-enemy Germany, with a population of 65,000,000, and it is nearly eight times the size of the State of New York, which sustains an immense population of highly prosperous people. Of this immense area, we have only alienated from the Crown a little over 41,000 square miles, leaving in the Crown, still to be disposed of as the Government may see fit for settlement or for development in the way for which it is best adapted, almost 90 per cent. of our entire area.

At the time of the last census, 1911, Ontario had a population of 2,523,274, or 9.67 to the square mile, while Great Britain has a population of 471, Germany 310, France 190, and the United States 33 to the square mile.

Ontario has under cultivation only a little over 13,000,000 acres, or less than 6 per cent. of the entire area. With this comparatively small percentage of its total area cultivated, the agricultural achievements of Ontario are something in which we feel no small degree of pride. The value of our agricultural output is over \$300,000,000 annually, the annual value of our live stock sold or slaughtered is over \$90,000,000, our dairy industry over \$40,000,000, and our fruit and vegetables over \$20,000,000 annually. We have 290,000 acres of orchards, 24,000 acres of small fruits, 11,000 acres of vineyards, and 50,000 acres of gardens. We produce fruit of almost all kinds in abundance, the apples, pears, peaches, grapes, and small fruits of Ontario not being excelled anywhere in the world. The value of Ontario's live stock is over \$251,000,000, our farm buildings over \$348,000,000,