

in my judgment, be our immediate task to make our expenditures conform to the present peculiar and unusual financial situation, rather than waste our efforts in launching ambitious schemes which would, for the present at least, be doomed to failure. We must, however, carry on such necessary public works as the natural development of the country may demand. Our watchword should be: "Courage with Caution."

AID TO FARMERS

The late Government has already passed legislation granting aid by way of loans to further develop the important industry of agriculture; and our efforts will be to borrow money required as quickly and cheaply as possible, so that we may give every incentive and encouragement to bona fide farming.

COLONIZATION

We have also under consideration a colonization policy, which, if worked out successfully, will encourage the rapid settlement of Crown lands by a sturdy, industrious and practical farming population, to the end that the great areas of the Province hitherto untilled may contribute their share to the natural wealth of the community.

SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In addition to activities along the line of aid to farmers and of colonization above referred to, we purpose, as soon as the necessary legislation can be secured, to establish a distinct department of the Government, under its own minister, to deal exclusively with agricultural matters. It is hoped that in this way our agricultural possibilities will receive the utmost attention and inducements be offered which will result in a distinct and substantial movement towards the occupation and development of our farming and pastoral land.

PUBLIC MARKETS

The Government has also under consideration the question of aiding the establishment of public markets, under proper supervision, in the larger centres of population of the Province, so that the farmer may receive the best returns for his product and that the cost of living may be reduced.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

The developments of the last few years have demonstrated the great possibilities of our mineral wealth, thereby increasing the importance of the Department of Mines, and justifying the belief that much can be done to assist the development of the mining industry by active Government encouragement. An important part of the new