

doing at least as much for it as your immigration agencies? Tell me that! The facts may not be good for some publicity purposes, and far be it from me to decry this country or the life to be lived in in'—he put up a hand—'but it is needless to suppress them. Alberta need not be afraid of the truth. Let's thrash this business out to a finish and have things on a footing firm for all the world to test. We're in a desperate way here, and this Hospital will go bump unless someone has nothing to lose by owning to the facts. Nearly every farm in the district is mortgaged up to the hilt, and nothing can be borrowed any further.'

He set a foot upon the seat of the chair and took hold of resolution afresh.

'Mr Hickman's generosity helps us out for the moment. No words can quite express what I feel about that. And if in the course of time this thing gets taken up by the various Rural Municipalities being formed to the north, south, and east of here, our difficulties will be solved—but if it does not? In work of this sort one must be prepared for nine out of every ten irons stuck in the fire coming out stone cold; nothing hampers a cause so much as not being able to lay about one with the simple truth of it.'

But Henslow held to his argument and protested vigorously against undue emphasis on local troubles.

'It cuts direct against the line of policy of