

in the Province and making it appear that other provinces suffer in comparison.

If Mr. Ross wished to be candid when making the above comparisons, he would have given the **possible farm lands** of the different provinces as quoted from the Canada Year Book, and not included the lakes, glaciers and mountains, of which we have a plenty; he then could have truthfully shown that Alberta has 105 million acres against our possible 45 million; Saskatchewan 93½ millions, or twice our area; Manitoba 74 millions, or Ontario, 58½ millions. Ontario only estimates that 25 per cent. of her total area is possible farm land, or 5 per cent. more than B. C. Will the electors of B. C. who are of Ontario say that if Ontario has only 25 per cent. of her lands as possible farm land, that British Columbia has 20 per cent. of its total area possible farm land? I have no hesitation in stating that the comparison made by the Hon. Minister is misleading; it's unfair; it is not warranted by the facts; it is untruthful and made with the intent to mislead the public.

Will the Hon. Gentleman change his absurd tactics under the Bowser Government, or are the above utterances of an irresponsible Minister acceptable to the Premier?

Another of the many glaring half-truths contained in his address is "That during the period of the McBride administration, agriculture had increased 500 per cent." He did not state that dairy products in 1912 were \$1,270,000 less than in 1911 and over \$600,000 less than in 1910. He did not state that the value of meats for 1912 was \$340,000 less than in 1911 and \$270,000 less than in 1910. He did not state that the value of fruit and vegetables in 1912 was \$2,114,000 less than in 1911. These figures are to be found in the Budget speech of the ex-Hon. Price Ellison, February 24th, 1913. The Hon. Minister did not state that for the year 1914, there was imported into British Columbia 20 million dollars worth of products of the soil that could, and should, have been produced in British Columbia. The Hon. Gentleman did not make any statement at that meeting, as to what measures he would adopt or would like to adopt in order to prevent this annual impoverishment of the people.