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Successful colonization essentially depends upon the resourcefulness of the individual. It involves a continual fight against obstacles and adversity. The successful settler is the man who has developed the ability to overcome these obstacles. Such a man would succeed under almost any hardships. Consequently, the success of any scheme of assisted colonization will depend largely on how successfully the Government is able to eliminate the paternal element, while exercising sufficiently close supervision over the settlers' welfare and operations, and preserving the Government's investment. Unquestionably, the greatest danger the Government could encounter would be the weakening of the spirit of self-reliance on the part of the settler, without which he automatically fails.

It is also well to bear in mind, that the experience of Western Canada, broadly speaking, has been, that the first settler on the land has rarely succeeded. The permanent and successful occupant has generally been the second and sometimes even the third. The problem of creating new capital, while taking care of a family and paying interest charges on borrowed money, is a task involving such a degree of frugality, capacity and unremitting labour, that only comparatively few men measure up to the standard. In this respect, farming is, of course, in no way different from any other class of business.