

Province, as disclosed by the recent census, and we propose the immediate appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the causes thereof, and to suggest measures which in the opinion of the Commission should be taken to prevent any further decline and promote the general agricultural interests of the Province. The Commission should be specially instructed to consider and report upon adequate technical instruction in farming in our rural schools, and special technical education in fruit-growing districts.

In the meantime we propose to adopt measures—

To bring about the active immigration into this Province of suitable people for settlement and employment upon our farm lands; to induce land-seeking farmers to remain in the Province by locating in New Ontario instead of emigrating to Western Canada.

To secure the building of a good roads system throughout Ontario by an issue of Provincial bonds or by other assistance on an adequate scale, thereby facilitating traffic and insuring quick delivery of farm and garden products.

To extend in every feasible way public light, power and telephone services to the farms of the Province.

To provide for the establishment of suitable demonstration farms throughout Ontario; to promote Ontario's apple and general fruit-growing industry by establishing demonstration orchards, and to advertise widely the important and growing apple industry by holding an annual National Apple Show.

To appoint a sufficient number of Provincial inspectors with authority to stamp out the evils arising from noxious weeds, insect pests and diseases of orchard trees.

To make Guelph Agricultural College more useful by enlarging its sphere of experimental work, especially in stock breeding.

Taxation.

Social justice demands the removal of existing inequalities in taxation, and we propose the amendment of the Assessment Act to permit municipalities to exempt improvements from taxation either in whole or in part.