

# Land Policy of British Columbia

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Speech by the Hon. William R. Ross, K. C.,  
Minister of Lands

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Hon. William R. Ross, K.C., Minister of Lands, in closing the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne in the Legislature on Friday, January 29th, 1915, said:

"The honorable Members for Nanaimo and Newcastle have directed their attention to almost every other question that has arisen in this debate, yet they have nothing to say with reference to our administration of land. I also understood, from what I could hear of the speech just delivered by the honorable Member for Columbia, though it contained references to criticisms of the Government in reference to other matters, from where I sit I failed to gather that he dealt in any way with reference to the administration of land.

"It is evident that the members of the Opposition to the Government feel the responsibility of their position in such a way that they do not consider it their duty to express to the House any dissatisfaction with the methods that have been taken and the results that have been achieved. I think I am fair in my assumption that the administration in this respect is quite satisfactory to them, and I hope I am not misrepresenting their feeling when I draw that conclusion.

"I think that the criticisms that have been directed towards the Government in connection with the sales of land arise rather from the fact that we have been able to achieve very satisfactory results from the proceeds under the sales of land, and I think we have been able to do things in the expenditure for public works to meet the requirements of the people. We can claim that through the receipt and expenditure of this money this Province has made