

most satisfactory results have accrued therefrom, yet the mining industry will not be on a satisfactory basis until Canada is able to refine her own metals and be independent of the United States, whose legislation in the past has been most erratic and detrimental respecting Canadian interests.

The Dominion of Canada, except for a short temporary period, had the free use of the American canal at Sault Ste. Marie on equal terms with the shipping interests of the United States, yet we expended \$3,550,038 in constructing a new canal there in Canada, and will each year spend over \$15,000 on maintenance and repairs.

This expenditure did not secure for us any additional population or better facilities for our shipping interests, but was incurred for the sole and only reason that our shipping interests might be independent of the United States, and no voice in all Canada raised a protest against this expenditure.

**Will not all Ontario unanimously support the small expenditure of \$90,000 to put our copper mining interests on a similar national basis?**

### **ONTARIO SHOULD AID.**

New York, although possessed of practically no mineral resources, includes within its confines more important refineries than probably all the other states combined.

The Ontario Iron Mining Fund of \$125,000 has produced splendid results.

\$225,000 was set apart last session by the province to secure the growing of sugar beets in Ontario.

Ontario owns about 13,000,000 acres of a copper-bearing territory north of the Great Lakes. The establishing of a copper refinery would enhance the prospective value of these lands and hasten the day when the province could dispose of same and secure thousands of men and millions of capital to develop these resources to the great advantage of the farmer and manufacturer of Old Ontario.