

I consider that the Hon. Minister of Colonization is adopting a wise policy in cancelling from people who hold lots for mere speculation and thus keeping back colonization. I wish, however, to remark that there are certain exceptions. In the county that I have the honor to represent there are a great many people holding lots and who have not made their improvements. These men are not in bad faith however, and if they have not made their improvements it is because they have no roads leading to their properties. Once the Government will give them a road they will be the first to start in their improvements.

One of the best results that will be gained from the Colonization Reserves will be to group the settlers together. If we establish these reserves, the Department of Colonization will be able to gather the settlers together on these chosen spots, which will be especially set aside for colonization, and will be able to give them the best lands possible, and will have a continual watch over them.

This policy of thus gathering the settlers together is not by any means a new one. It