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It remains, however, for the Government and Legislature to do their duty, by enacting the best local regulations for settlement, as then there could be no obstacles, however remote, in the way of intending settlers. Improved regulations for the settlement of wild lands are very generally deemed necessary, as well as a stop being put to speculations in them. In order to effect the latter, a tax should be placed upon land which the holders suffer to remain unimproved. Every man holding more than one hundred acres, who neither settles nor cultivates the land, should be taxed. Thus the industrious settler who improves his own land, and consequently increases the value of that of the wealthy speculator in his neighbourhood or district, would not be compelled to bear all the local burdens, although it is true that, comparatively speaking, they are light. This is a matter deserving of serious consideration, and the adoption of the plan here proposed, would not only check excessive speculation in wild lands, but also lighten the taxes of the thrifty settler, by helping to provide him with better roads and schools.

It is not merely necessary for the people of this Province to be told that they live in a land teeming with all the elements of wealth and greatness;—they must be made known abroad, in order to be understood and appreciated; and if sufficient pains were taken to disseminate correct information throughout the Parent Country respecting New Brunswick, there can be no doubt that the patriotic object which the President and Directors of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute had in view in proposing the present theme for competition, would be most fully realized.