

The policy of preventing settlement is at an end. A policy is now inaugurated based on the experience of New Zealand, Australia and the Prairie Provinces. The Government looks for many difficulties and many disappointments, but in their serious effort to settle, it counts on the sympathetic support of the whole of the people of the Province.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

It was the policy of Mr. W. J. Bowser as Attorney General to concentrate in his Department the control of the administrative work of the Government, partly because he could conceive of no one else who could do the work but chiefly for political purposes to make himself master of the administration.

As indicating the measure to which he was able to do this, the cost of his Department in 1903-4 was \$290,509.33, whereas in 1915-6 it was \$1,281,461.43.

Harassed by details, and engrossed by the management of his political machine, he allowed to pass and was responsible, as chief law officer for the Crown, the fraudulent railway estimates of the C. N. P. Ry. Co. and P. G. E. Ry. Co., which not only cost the Province millions directly, but ended in these companies not fulfilling their obligations and depriving the Province of the line of railway and preventing development whereby the means to meet our obligations were not available.

It has been found necessary to reorganize his Department and to alter his system, firstly to get efficiency and secondly to save money.

For example, the duties of Game Wardens have been put under Provincial Police enabling twenty-seven men to be dispensed with.

The Provincial Police Department was a hot bed of partisan politics. This is now being reorganized; thirty men have been let out, forty-nine have resigned. This has not been done to find jobs for "hungry Grits" as alleged by Mr. Bowser; sixty-two returned soldiers have been appointed on the force.

In the Land Registry Office at Victoria nine men were wholly dispensed with; some who were married men with