

This gentleman, summing up the situation himself, says this:—

“However, to the man who visited these settlers and listened to their suggestions it would appear that the chief needs in this new country are good roads and a handy market for pulpwood, with ready money for the same.”

Now I want to point out that that was the summing up of Mr. Shields from an investigation on the ground. We have given them these good roads, and, as I will point out later, a good market has been established for their pulpwood. There is another matter in connection with the development of Northern Ontario that to my mind is of more importance than the question of loans or improved farms, that is the securing of industries that will utilize and provide a market for the timber from the settlers' land and also form the nucleus of towns and villages that will furnish a market for the settlers' products and provide public centres for education, and all that sort of thing. Now we have made a fair start in connection with that work. I do not mean that this Government is entitled to all the credit for it. I am simply giving you the facts as we have them now. We hope to do more in the future. The establishment of pulp and paper industries will do more than anything else in the development and settlement of that north country. One of the greatest things that we have been able to accomplish in that connection is the agreement with the Abitibi Pulp & Paper Company for the establishment of their plant. Speaking to Commissioner Whitson, he said that the greatest possible benefit had been received by the settlers of the Cochrane district by reason of the market they had found in the Abitibi mill; he said that large sums of money had found their way to the pockets of the settlers from that source. At the present time this company has 914 men in their employment. The first unit, now almost completed—capacity:—

Pulp mill	220 tons
Sulphite mill	60 “
Paper mill	240 “
Pulp board mill	40 “
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Total daily output	560 “