

by Premier Whitney to represent the new country in his Cabinet. Mr. Cochrane's interest was confined to the lumbering and mining industries. With the wonderful agricultural possibilities of the great clay belt of possibly twenty million acres he had apparently little concern. With the colonization of the country he demonstrated little sympathy. With the building up of contented and progressive communities he showed small practical interest. With developing arteries of communication and constructing good permanent roads he had not much to do. His concern was in the revenue-producing abilities of the timber growth and mining deposits.

COUNTRY LEFT TO GROW.

As a consequence comparatively little has been done along the lines originally proposed by the Liberal party when it projected the People's Railway. Dissatisfaction throughout the north is general because of the many injustices and anomalies which have been perpetrated or permitted to exist. Northern Ontario—like Topsy—has been graciously permitted to "grow," so far as the Whitney Government are concerned. There has been no stable, intelligent, progressive and co-operative fostering encouragement by an Administration who have not hesitated to avail themselves of all northern opportunities to augment their revenue. It is true that certain extensions of the railway have been made, but action in all cases was only taken after long-drawn-out and repeated assaults on the lethargy of the Government, both by the T. & N. O. Commission and the people themselves, after the Rip Van Winkles at Queen's Park had been prodded out of their slumber.

EXTENSION TO HUDSON BAY.

The original intention of the Liberal Government was to extend the railway to Hudson Bay. The Conservative Government have stopped, apparently satisfied, at Cochrane. In advocating its extension "with all practical speed to a suitable outlet to Hudson Bay" and the construction of branches "as required for the development of the country," the new Liberal leader is in line with the ideals which governed the initiation of the project and the determination to take part in the building up and development of a larger and more prosperous Province.