

British Columbia	20 p.c.	or	45 million acres		
Alberta	.....65 p.c.	"	105	"	"
Saskatchewan	..60 p.c.	"	93½	"	"
Manitoba	.....50 p.c.	"	74	"	"
Ontario	.....25 p.c.	"	58½	"	"
Quebec	.....10 p.c.	"	44	"	"
New Brunswick	.60 p.c.	"	10¾	"	"
Nova Scotia	....60 p.c.	"	8	"	"
P. E. I.	.....90 p.c.	"	1¼	"	"

We can safely say that the above figures are not any too conservative, at least as far as B. C. is concerned. Other authorities give the possible farm lands of British Columbia as 30 millions and some 22 millions. Of course these figures would not include perpendicular farms or farms with a few mountain peaks or lakes thereon.

At the Oak Bay meeting the Hon. Minister of Lands proclaimed the fact that British Columbia still had — **vacant and unoccupied** — 192,870,720 acres, or 301,360 square miles, being 26 times the size of Belgium. In making the statement that this vast area is still **vacant and unoccupied**, he made it with the intent to lead the people to believe that these lands were **capable of occupation** as farm lands and capable of sustaining a large population. Was he truthful in making that statement? If you think he was, then I ask, what is your impression of the following statement? These are his words as reported in the "News-Advertiser" of the 11th November last:

"No other province of Canada or State of the United States or of Australia, can take stock of such advantage as British Columbia. Alberta, of which 28 per cent. is alienated, has about half the area of unoccupied land that B. C. has; Saskatchewan, with 38 per cent. alienated has not half the area and Manitoba, even with the addition of 107 million acres to its Northern boundaries in 1912, has but 3-5 the area."

Remember that Mr. Ross is not giving an address on Mining or the mining possibilities of the Province, or advancing British Columbia's claims as a game or hunting preserve, but he, as Minister of Lands, is telling the people of this Province and the world, of the vast area of **vacant and unoccupied** land