

Demand for cheap money for the settler.

An inquiry into New Ontario conditions brings into the strongest relief the futility of expecting that scores of thousands of English-speaking people with capital will immediately be attracted to the task of clearing land under former conditions, and also the economic waste of the system under which many an ambitious, hardworking, but poor settler has to earn money away from home to support him while he works on his clearing. Cheap money is strongly demanded by the settler. As private enterprise, working on long-established lines, has failed to supply it, this may come to be regarded as an imperative ingredient in governmental efficiency.

### MANITOBA.

Advantage and disadvantage of central distributing point.

Metropolitan Winnipeg largely influences the Manitoba situation. It imparts to the Province the advantages and disadvantages that attach to the principal distributing point of immigration to the prairie provinces. Different views are held by experienced authorities. One said, 'Why should farmers go by this province to locate hundreds of miles farther from their markets, when they can buy land just as cheap and just as good as any in the country, with buildings on it.'

The other view is based on the lure of the more western West, and was thus stated. 'This constituency has a population of nine hundred less than it had ten years ago. To get more land in one of the other provinces, many men have sold their farms to their neighbours. There are bigger farms but fewer people.'

'Million for Manitoba' movement on foot.

There is an organized 'Million for Manitoba' movement, and farmers are short of help. There are large quantities of land in Manitoba, at present comparatively unattractive to the settler who can choose elsewhere, but capable of carrying many people as soon as they are brought into use by a larger motive power than the average settler can command. The extension of the provincial boundaries, gives an additional practical force to the 'Million for Manitoba' movement, and a greater financial strength to provincial work to attain that end. The relation of Winnipeg to these factors may be sensed from the fact that plans are afoot to feed the city with more locally grown produce. For example, several tons of milk are daily imported from Minnesota.

### SASKATCHEWAN.

Wheat raising cannot be the only guarantee of prosperity.

The greatest wheat-producing province in the British Empire feels the need of people almost as much as ever. Where wheat is a sure crop the holding of vacant lands for rises in value is a positive detriment to development. In some northern