

THE SEYBOLD CASE

This case arose out of the contention by the Ontario Mining Co., that a lease for the sale of mining lands in the Thunder Bay District, in regard to which the Indian title was not extinguished, should be issued by the Dominion Government, and not by the Provincial Government. As against this, the Ontario Government contended that the title to these lands was in the Crown as represented by the Ontario Government, and that the assertion of any other principle was an abnegation of the territorial rights of the Province. The decision of the Privy Council on the same date confirmed the contention of the Province. These two instances are given as recent evidence of the continued vigilance of the Government in protecting Provincial rights.

\$113,000 SAVED IN INTEREST

A dispute arising out of the arbitration between Ontario and Quebec with respect to unsettled accounts, the Government appealed to have the matter settled before the Exchequer Court. The appeal sustained the contention of Ontario with regard to the liability of the Province, and saved Ontario the sum of \$113,000 on this unsettled account.

NEW ONTARIO

The Liberal Party announced as an essential part of its Policy that that section of the Province generally known as New Ontario should receive special attention, with a view to its settlement and to the development of its natural resources. The Canadian Northern Railway was liberally subsidized, in order to open up the mineral lands west of Port Arthur, and especially to render easy of access the rich agricultural lands of the Rainy River valley. The efforts of the Government in this respect have been crowned with success, and easy access is now afforded to that district during the whole year, and from present indications all the lands available for settlement will soon be occupied. To place on the market at least one million acres of land that were heretofore the camping ground of the Indian is an achievement of some importance to the country. Through the assistance given by the Government 285 miles were added to the railway mileage of the Province, and another route opened to Manitoba during the summer.

THE ALGOMA CENTRAL RAILWAY

By liberal grants of land to the Algoma Central Railway we have secured the construction of a railway running north from the Soo a distance of 140 miles. Already the road is graded