

Holding this faith, as leader of the Liberal party of this Province, I beg to submit the following statement of policy, and to appeal to all electors, irrespective of party, to rally to its support:

New Ontario Development.

In order that the Government may enter seriously upon the problem of the settlement and development of New Ontario, we propose the creation of a Department of Immigration and Colonization, to be presided over by a Minister of the Crown, who shall devote his whole time and energies to this important work, among other matters: to the promotion of settlement; building of roads; insuring other necessary transportation facilities; providing drainage requirements; assisting pioneer settlers to secure loans to a limited extent on the security of the lands occupied by them, repayable over a term of years; giving special assistance to pioneer schools.

Our further policy is the maintenance of the colonization character of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway; the protection of shippers and settlers from inequitable rates by subjecting the railway to regulation by the Dominion Railway Commission and the general railway law; removing just grounds of complaint by permitting actions at law against the railway without the necessity of first obtaining permission from the Attorney-General; placing the railway in the same position as other railways in the matter of payment of municipal taxes; the extension of the railway with all practicable speed to a suitable outlet to Hudson Bay, and branches as required for the development of the country.

The encouragement of mining by a reduction of the fees for prospecting and recording, by insuring reasonable transportation facilities, and by giving increased stability to mining titles. The securing for underground miners an eight-hour day.

The boundary between Ontario and Manitoba should be so de-limited as to give Ontario a suitable port on Hudson Bay for ocean-going vessels.

Agriculture.

We believe that the people of Ontario view with grave concern the serious decline in the rural population of this