

country. Last year the Honorable Minister of Agriculture and some of his officers conducted an excursion there, and large numbers of people took advantage of that excursion and attended the series of lectures given at the farm by agricultural experts, and also saw the actual results obtained there by improved methods of farming. These excursions, I think, should be continued in the future, and I have no doubt the subject will receive the careful attention of the Minister.

Total Expenditure in North.

Before leaving the question of comparison of the consideration given by this Government and that given by our predecessors, I desire to point out that under the last four years of Liberal rule you will find that the total expenditure in Northern Ontario was \$2,847,549.03, and during the last four years under the present Government it amounted to \$8,571,975.29, or an increase of \$5,724,426.26. Someone may say that our Liberal friends would have improved in their conduct had they continued in office but unfortunately for this argument they gave us no hope or promise of improvement when in power, but on the contrary, some time before the defeat of that Government, the Prime Minister pointed out that grants for colonization roads, public works, and other much-needed improvements in the north must be curtailed instead of increased, pointing out that the revenues of the Province were not sufficient to meet current expenditures, and that controllable expenditure such as I have mentioned would have to be decreased.

\$5,000,000 Appropriated for Northern Development.

But while everyone must admit that the increased grants for public works, colonization roads, education and agriculture, that I have just spoken of, were substantial, we were not satisfied even with these, and felt they were not sufficient to meet the needs of that great country. Consequently two years ago we passed an Act, with which the House is familiar, whereby \$5,000,000 were set aside for the development of that northland. This sum will be expended in the way best calculated to better the country and better the conditions of the people, and in view of some remarks that have been made in this House I want to