

AN AGRICULTURAL POLICY

should go hand in hand with a fishery policy. To-day we import from abroad nearly one million dollars' worth of farm products which should be raised at home. This does not include the \$2,400,000 which we paid last year for 366,000 barrels of flour consumed by our people. This large consumption of flour is double that per head of the population of any other country in the world, the food of our people being largely restricted to flour. What is needed is that we should eat less flour, and use more meats, vegetables, etc., raised at home, thus enlarging our agricultural operations, and keeping amongst us all the gold now annually going out of the country. To effect this we must give our people a bonus for clearing land, and encourage them to settle on the land; give them new seeds, a good breed of cattle and sheep, and low rates by steamer and train to market their produce.

OUR MINERAL WEALTH

is undoubtedly large and varied, and its richness should be made the basis of an industrial development greatly in excess of anything we know of to-day. At this moment, in spite of all our vaunted progress, only two mines in the Colony are working extensively—the Copper deposit at Tilt Cove and the Iron deposit at Bell Island. This is all the more regrettable because some years ago we had

several other mineral deposits in process of extensive exploitation, and the tendency in other countries is for the development of their mineral wealth to increase from year to year. It seems to me that our undesirable condition of affairs is due in a great measure to the fact that in Newfoundland the man who actually discovers a valuable mineral deposit rarely succeeds in acquiring the ownership of it, as from various causes—its being on land granted to other people or his lacking the means to work it, etc.—it usually passes out of his hands. In other countries every man is a prospector, but with us the incentive to this is dead. **TO STIMULATE PROSPECTING FOR MINERALS OF COMMERCIAL UTILITY,** and to rectify the injustice of such a condition of affairs as the above, I propose the enactment of a measure whereby every person discovering minerals on lands granted to others, should be paid, on the successful working of the same, a certain amount by the beneficial owner of such property, as a reward or recompense for such discovery, the amount to be determined by regulations framed by the Legislature.

HOUSING OF WORKMEN.

I also propose the enactment of Legislation **REQUIRING THE PROPER HOUSING OF WORKMEN AT MINES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL CENTRES,** and the provision of adequate measures of sanitation.