

Along the line of making the man on the ground produce, we would instance:—

(a) The attention now being given to irrigation whereby settlers will be assured of water.

(b) Seed legislation. Portions of B. C. such as Metchosin, V.I., have ideal conditions for growing seed. Progressive legislation on plan found successful in Denmark has been inaugurated.

(c) Sheep production. This industry had already died out. Legislation has been passed to protect sheep grower and sympathetic assistance will be given to promote industry.

(d) Loans to farmers are being continued as far as possible under present condition of market shortage.

(e) Especial attention will be given to building up co-operative plans and organization.

(f) Re assessment of lands of Province substantially to base their valuation on their productive value.

(g) In addition to exemption of \$1,000 on personal property, a further exemption of \$1,500 on improvements.

A large part of this work was commenced under Hon. Mr. Oliver, but the essential importance of the industry was recognized and it was made a special portfolio with Hon. Mr. Barrow in charge. Mr. Barrow has made a practical success of farm and co-operative work, being at the head of the Fraser Valley Farmers' Co-operative Society, a concern having an annual turn-over of over \$1,000,000 per year.

It is also necessary to secure settlement of our lands—especially along lines of new railways—to maintain balance of industries in the Province as a whole and to enable these railways to pay their own charges—and not to be forever a charge on the people of B. C. and Canada.

Under the Minister and Land Settlement Board, a survey of available lands is being made and a progressive colonization will be carried on, having in view the following prerequisites:

- (a) Lands must be good lands.
- (b) Available to markets.
- (c) Settled by people accustomed to conditions.
- (d) In communities.