

These remarks were not intended to apply to every case where lots have been held and not improved.

If special cases are found, and I know of a number that fall under the conditions mentioned by me at St. Jérôme, I am sure that the Limit Holders of this Province would not wish to take from these good-faith Settlers lands which they have held and protected for the subsistence of their families and not with the object of speculation.

If however, as soon as Colonization Reserves are created, and the roads made, these men fail to make their improvements within a certain fixed delay, then I consider that the lots should be cancelled, without mercy.

If after the Reserves are created it is pointed out to the Minister of Colonization that a number of lots, not contained in the Reserves, are held for mere speculation, to the detriment of the general public, and to the detriment of the Limit Holder, I am sure that the Honorable Minister will follow the same policy that he so ably commenced a few weeks ago, by cancelling a number of lots that were