

they have written unnumbered such columns, there are absolutely no charges to be extracted—all is blank cartridge—noise and nothing more.

If we take the speeches of the members of the Opposition we find just as little force therein. Not one of them, during the whole four sessions, has so criticised any Government policy—far less so stated his own—as to, I will not say, turn public feeling in his favour, but not even so as to excite any sensation worthy of note throughout the country. They have made continual little objections and small fault-findings, but as for any serious charge, it is not there.

The charges are on the other side—for it is, as it appears to me, clear that their papers and they themselves are trying, at the dictation of people in another province, to do ours serious injury. What little they have said against the Mowat Government, and something of what the people of Ontario have to say against them, will be stated in the few following pages.

I cannot in these few pages detail at length all the great works the Mowat Government are carrying on. They are fully given in the blue books of the Province, and show that our Provincial affairs have been well managed. Our courts and prisons are well cared for—life and property are as safe, perhaps safer, in Ontario than in any country in the world; a vast system of education is being well attended to by Universities, High Schools, Common Schools dotting the land in all directions—(these, if we use them, are the true sources of greatness). Of railroads, so many have been built that our country is chequered with them, frequently in consequence of the aid extended them by the Local Government; and it may very well be expected that, when the machinery of transit, and the understanding between buyer and seller are more fully developed, the farmer all through Ontario will get as good a price (merely deducting freight) for his meat, butter, fruit, and other produce, as if he lived close to the cities; and while he, in most cases, will get a higher price than now, the citizens, owing to the fewer hands the article has passed through, will pay a lower than they at present are charged. In the furtherance of this important object, as concerning some of these articles, it will be in the power, and is the intention of Government, to give direct aid—for instance, in the article of butter, the newly established creameries will, among other benefits, point out the way to secure this.

In their aid given to the development of the Province, many country roads have been built by Government through the newer lands, which shall in time become rich and fruitful country. And while we are speaking