

supply several large pulp mills for many years to come. Then, as pulp wood will reproduce itself in from 25 to 30 years, it is easy to see that the supply is practically inexhaustible. (Applause). Of course the reproduction only applies to those areas unfit for farming purposes. There are also large quantities of cedar, jack pine, &c., and already the settlers of Rainy River, I am informed, are making contracts for the disposal of cedar posts, railway ties, and wood to be shipped over this road to the farmers on the prairies of Manitoba. This will be a great boon to our settlers enabling them to get ready cash for the timber they remove in the course of clearing their farms. (Applause). It will be of advantage also to the Manitoba farmer, who has no wood of any kind to draw from. This is one of the strong inducements to intending settlers in the Province of Ontario. On taking up their 160 acres of land from the Crown they obtain all the timber except the pine, and as much of the pine as they require for building and fencing. They are able, while clearing, to dispose of their wood for cash, and many of them in the Rainy River district have already received hundreds of dollars in this way. They also can obtain employment, if they desire, during the winter season, in connection with the lumbering operations, or in the mines; while in Manitoba and the Territories there is nothing to depend upon excepting the crop from the soil itself, and, with a bad harvest or two in succession the settler is often in great need, or sometimes financially wiped out altogether. In my opinion there is no State or Province in the world affording so many advantages to settlers as the Province of Ontario.

Old Ontario Largely Benefited. •

But the completion of this road means a great deal also for the older portions of the Province. Manufacturers of engines and boilers, electric plants, mill machinery, &c., will find increased trade as a result of the development of new mines and the erection of saw mills, pulp mills, &c. The farming community will be benefitted by the increased outlet for their products; manufacturers of boots and shoes, woollen goods, harness and other articles that will be required for the increased number of settlers, miners, and men employed in the lumber woods and saw mills, will likewise benefit. In fact every class of business men will feel the increased volume of trade between the two ends of the Province. This in return means the employment of an increased number of mechanics and laborers in all our factories, with better wages. And by increasing the general purchasing power in Old Ontario. It will enlarge the farmers' market also. (Applause).