

and in the month labor would be obtained and a clearing started. Others have done this, and the right class and kind of settler can continue on similar lines.

"But the Lands of the North will come to their own. Correspondence on file with our General Agent Lee at North Bay and his aids, and the Demonstration Car, which has but just returned, all warrant and emphasize these absolute conditions—fact. Personally, I have no fear. It may be a year—one or five—and notwithstanding Fernow, and every other drawback, the Lands of the North—Timiskaming lands—are in a class by themselves, and any man or woman, who is ready to go into the forests—into the lands—will be enabled, without aught but strength of purpose to do pioneer work, and very few dollars, to rear a home that for all time will serve—a homestead that must increase largely in value, and added prosperity to those that come within our zone."

But there is another gentleman in this connection that I desire to refer to. That is Mr. Shields, a correspondent of the *Toronto Telegram*, who has made a good deal of study of that country, and upon this subject prepared an article a year or so ago, which has been brought to my attention:

"The settlers of Timiskaming are far from being united on the question of how far the Government of the Province should go in the matter of direct aid to the settler. While there are a large number who favor some such policy—some to the extent of demanding it—the more self-reliant ones resent the suggestion that they should be regarded as subjects for special aid.

"Give us roads to our farms, and a handy market for our pulpwood, and we'll look after ourselves all right," declares one.

"You can easily help a man into debt, but how are you going to help him out of it?" was the way another expressed himself.

"I came here to get rid of mortgages," said another, "and if I can't make good without a loan, why I'll quit the country."

"The man who expects to be spoonfed has no right in the bush. This ain't no place to establish a nursery," was another's way of putting it."