

# **"Honest Enough to be Bold; Bold Enough to Be Honest."**

—Hon. J. P. Whitney

## **Three Years of the Square Deal**

### **WHAT WAS PROMISED**

During the last eight or ten years, the former Government of the Province did little besides planning and carrying into execution schemes to enable them to retain office. For a number of years, the Opposition, led by Mr. Whitney, had put up a courageous fight in the interest of fair-play and of decent government, and had from time to time suggested constructive legislation on a number of subjects of great importance. Among others, the subjects were:

- Reform of the numbered ballot.
- Sale of pulpwood and timber by tender.
- Creation of Agricultural Schools.
- Reconstructing the administration and financial resources of the State University.
- Revision of mining laws, and appointment of a Cabinet Minister from New Ontario.
- Modifying the County Councils Act, so as to restore its previous basis.
- Abolition of grants to railways.
- Cheapening school books and breaking up the school book ring.
- Revision of the Public School System and creation of a Consultative Council of experts.
- Honest enforcement of the license law.
- Law Reform.
- Putting the Provincial finances on a sound footing.

Not only has every one of these promises been fulfilled, but in the three years of the Whitney Administration, an important body of constructive and most valuable legislation has been enacted, exceeding in importance and value all that was put upon the Statute book by the previous Liberal Governments in thirty years. This may appear to be a strong statement, but an examination of the measures and policies carried out will show it to be within the mark. The following pages embody a record of progressive government, of which any community in the world might be proud.

### **WHAT HAS BEEN DONE**

The Whitney Government has accomplished much during its three years of office.

- It has abolished the numbered ballot. It has stopped ballot-box stuffing.
- It has given a clean election law.
- It has made larger grants for Education and for Agriculture.
- It has burst the school book ring, and has given cheap text books.
- It has introduced reform in the administration of the timber and the mines.
- It has extended the Temiskaming Railway and has promoted the development of New Ontario.