

action defensive of the rights of the people. The power question is especially important because the day is not distant when the farmers will require it in the prosecution of their work.

Audit the Finances

"The financial position of the Province is the key to the situation. With her extensive resources the problem of the provincial finances can be easily solved, leaving the way clear for such increased expenditure in agriculture and education as may be found necessary and desirable, and this result can be arrived at without periodically selling timber limits or, in other words, capital stock, to cover up an anticipated deficit, caused by the excess of annual expenditure over annual income."

"The 'surplus' has gone, and a debt has been incurred. If this extravagance and debt be dropped there will be money to devote to the purposes of the people, and particularly if in addition the Treasury gets, as it will under Mr. Whitney, money that is now wasted upon speculators.

The giving of an audit will also be a valuable reform. It will protect the people and will contribute to the proper management of affairs.

The Municipal System

A reform of the municipal law, which is now cumbrous, involved and unwieldy, is promised.

The municipal law is so muddled that few people can understand it. It must be simplified. The new county council system has given rise to serious complaints. It has separated the interests of the township and county councils without producing any corresponding benefit. It will need consideration in the public interests. The assessment law has been manipulated in the interests of large corporations. That must be stopped. The individual taxpayer must have his rights.

To Aid Drainage

The following proposition on the subject of the drainage of waste lands was passed at the Conservative Conference:

"That in the opinion of this Conference the respective funds created to encourage and assist tile and municipal drainage be enlarged from time to time as necessity requires. That henceforth the interest on the moneys already loaned, as well as on that to be loaned, shall not exceed the actual cost thereof to the Province."

This will mean the addition of millions of acres to the cultivatable area of Ontario, and is a reform of great magnitude. The loaning of the money at the actual cost will be a saving to the people, while the Province will suffer no loss.

Law Reform

"Divest the Division Court of many of the anomalies which now hamper its usefulness. Lessen the expenses and expedite the results of litigation, and provide without further delay one final and conclusive provincial appeal from a trial judge."

The Ross Government has tried for four years to meet the popular demand for a reduction in the cost of litigation, but has failed, owing to its lack of ability to deal with such a great question. Mr. Whitney intends to