

can be said in its favour, has not resulted as we hoped at one time that it would. Men could take their free grant of land almost anywhere they chose, with the result that the population of the Northwest is very widely scattered indeed. In Alberta there are only three people to the square mile while 1/6 of Canada's population is contained in the cities of Montreal and Toronto. Wherever people settle they require school facilities, roads, railway transportation, post offices, telephones, etc., and the cost of providing these amenities of our modern civilization has been excessive and resulted in burdensome taxation. This burdensome taxation, arising from the above mentioned cause and other causes, has placed our country at a decided disadvantage to the United States, who so recently have let the world know that still further reductions in their taxation would be made in the near future.

Despite these handicaps it would be wrong to conclude that little progress has been made in Canada. In fact we have made a very great progress, while the value of our resources in proportion to our population is many times that of the United States.

Mr. Magrath advocated the setting up of what might be called an Immigration Commission absolutely independent of party control and he went so far as to suggest that some man like Mr. Ross McMaster would be the ideal person to put