

and built at the expense of the railway capitalist, speculator and promoter.

The State might, under proper conditions of settlement, grant lands in the immediate vicinity of a projected and approved line to the extent of five thousand acres per mile of railway completed and in operation, but only to facilitate the settlement and occupation of the land by our people. Railways projected for the benefit of land grabbers and timber speculators should be left to private enterprise.

No Government land grant should be made to any railway except to secure access to arable land fit for settlers' occupation. The terms to settlers should be continuous occupation for five years, with residence and duties performed of at least twenty-five acres of cleared and cultivated land before a title could be earned.

Large blocks of land should not be placed at the disposal of private individuals or large corporations unless to promote *bona fide* settlement and a *proviso* that the maximum price to actual settlers shall not exceed three dollars per acre.

The Province is losing large sums of money annually because of the single track winter roads. It is estimated that one dollar and a half per thousand feet is lost in the transportation of logs in one-horse loads. By amending the law so that single sleighs should be constructed with side shafts or travails croches, double teams could be used on our winter roads, and a large annual saving to our people effected.

Complaint is made of the increasing destructiveness of insects in timber. This is due in part to the scarcity of birds in our woods. This might be prevented by a rigorous enforcement of the law against destroying insectivorous birds and the confiscation of the plumage of birds wherever found.