

but I am entitled to ask that future criticism be based on a foundation of truth. I do not pretend that we have an ideal system. It is quite true that we are getting men to go upon the land as homesteaders who may not be the best class for the purpose, and I am not sure that a system that recruits its farmers from men out of work in the large cities is an ideal one.

"I am quite satisfied that this Province is a land of promise, that it is a land which contains many and vast resources, and in it there can be found a living for all of us. But I think the time has come when we should consider whether it would not be better to organize an effort to place our advantages before practical farmers, who can be induced to come here for the purpose of assisting us in developing our natural resources. In this respect we require quality rather than number. We want farmers who will farm, and men who will add to our annual acreage under crop each year as a result of their endeavors. I do not think that we should depend entirely for our result upon men who are obliged during the large part of the year to secure a subsistence upon the public works of the country and eke out their existence by perhaps misdirected efforts in farming.

"I have told you in a general way matters which I consider of interest in connection with this question, and I think we should now endeavor to answer the question for ourselves as to which is the best way to secure the best men for developing the best Province in the Dominion of Canada."