

lines as a base, do a certain amount of exploring also. They were only a few months in the field and a great deal could not be accomplished in that time.

But it was a beginning, and in the right direction, and the gentlemen in charge of the parties were of that class who never slight their work, but whose reports can be relied upon as being perfectly accurate. The positions of several important points have been definitely fixed, from which future surveys can be more cheaply and expeditiously projected. Besides proving beyond all doubt that the Province has large areas of rich agricultural land to which we can invite emigrants from the old world, and in which the young men of our own Province can find scope for their enterprise without expatriating themselves and going to swell the population of some other countries ; and also that we have in reserve large forests of valuable timber still untouched, also undoubted evidence of great mineral wealth in the bowels of the earth.

It is ardently to be hoped that our government may see its way clear to continue those surveys from year to year, until every lakelet and brooklet, every mountain and valley can be as accurately laid down on a map of Ontario as were those of the British Islands after the great ordinance survey of that Kingdom.

The cost of such a survey will no doubt be considerable, but it can be spread over a number of years. It would be an immigration agent of the very best variety thereby adding both to the population of the country and developing its resources.

So much so, that the outlay in cash would be a mere bagatelle in comparison with the advantages the community at large would derive therefrom.

Some of the writers about our northern wilds describe them to perfection down to the smallest detail, while others