

been thrown about him in that respect. All agreements with him must be approved by the Minister. The price he has to pay for his land must be fixed by the Minister—in fact the Government retains absolute control so far as all dealings with the settlers are concerned."

The syndicate must go ahead and improve farms along the lines stated, if requested by the Minister, and must offer them for sale at a price approved in the same quarter. Hon. Mr. Hearst is ready to make this request just as soon as there appears to be a demand for such farms.

"It is thought," he said "that these improved farms may attract well-to-do settlers who will bring considerable money into the country, men who would not be willing to undergo the hardships of pioneer farming in the usual way. This experiment will demonstrate to the Government whether or not it is expedient or necessary to embark upon a large scheme of improving farms in the North."

#### **Education Must Be Provided.**

The purchasers must, at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Minister, construct and maintain all roads, bridges, and other improvements that may be necessary in the interest of the settlers, and they are further bound to make adequate provision, to the satisfaction of the Minister, for the institution of public schools and the erection of suitable school buildings, the schools, of course, being entitled to the usual Government and municipal aid. This provision is an important one in the interests of education in these townships. It often happens now that the settlers are willing to tax themselves for the necessary school accommodation, but there is practically no market for the debentures of unorganized school sections, and it is frequently impossible for the trustees in school sections in unorganized townships to secure the necessary funds for capital expenditure on school account.

The water power in the townships, together with the beds of all streams in the townships, and the right to storage of water for power purposes, has been reserved to the Crown, and 800 acres have been reserved at the site of the power to the Crown to afford room for the location and development of future industries that might require this power.

#### **Townsite Is Reserved.**

The Crown has also reserved an area of 404 acres as a townsite on the banks of the Mattagami River. The purchasers are not permitted to lay out any townsites except with the consent of the Government, and it is expected that the industries to be established by the company will create an active market for the Government townsite when it is offered for sale.