

To offset this, our best efforts should be devoted to the improvement of highways and their proper maintenance, to the adoption of the most efficient and modern methods of agriculture, and generally to the establishment of such conditions in rural communities as will afford to the people every convenience and advantage of modern civilization so far as may be reasonably possible.

Mr. Burrell's measure is of the highest importance, not only to those who are engaged in agriculture, but to the whole national life of the country, and it is most satisfactory to note that it has been received with warm approval and commendation on all hands.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL PORTS OF CANADA.

We all agree that no subject is of greater importance to this Dominion than the efficient equipment and development of our great national ports. The increasing production and requirements of the Dominion and the opportunities afforded not only upon the Atlantic and the Pacific, but on our great inland seas for a great and expanding flow of commerce, are sufficient evidence that **moneys expended for such purposes are wisely appropriated.** In these Maritime Provinces we have hitherto lacked something of the progress and development which have been so marked in other portions of the Dominion. There is strong ground for the conclusion that these provinces are now about to enter, and, indeed, have already entered upon a period of development which is justly their due. For many years this