

CANADIAN COLONIZATION PLANS

Private

1. It is generally felt that the business morale of Canada at the present moment is below normal. When large business interests in any country become depressed, it means a wavering of confidence from within, resulting in a much greater loss of confidence from without, to the very material injury of the country. It seems unfortunately true that Canada is commencing to suffer from that condition. This statement might be questioned by the government. It is believed it would be endorsed by nine out of every ten engaged in the commercial activities of the country.

2. The country needs the announcement of a strong courageous policy in connection with the development of its great resources - none greater than its unoccupied lands. It is recognized that the Government is leading in the right direction in the matter of land settlement - in that it recognizes the necessity, in a measure, to assist financially certain classes of settlers, and to give them adequate care and supervision. Under normal national conditions, there might be no necessity to disturb the slow and equally cautious method of procedure, which is all that can be expected of it, but the times demand a more vigorous policy.