

ingratiate himself with the Spanish War veterans, proposed that each man who served ninety days or more in the Spanish American War should be allowed a homestead of 160 acres.

He thus proposed to dispose of at least 40,000,000 acres of the remaining public domain at one fell sweep with a provision that these claims could all be assigned to one corporation if so desired.

It is quite clear from the above extract that the Government should proceed cautiously in the direction of land grants. The Province controls the public lands at present, and should retain the ownership until the land is in the hands of the *bona fide* settler for the actual purpose of settlement for agricultural purposes. The forest lands should also remain the property of the State. The granting of money subsidies to railways or large corporations has been in the past a fruitful source of corruption and fraud on the public treasury, and should be abandoned completely. Complaint is made that the United States Senate is under the influence of trusts and corporations, and that its efficiency is much impaired in consequence. Members of the Quebec Legislature now living can testify to the great harm done to the best interests of the Province during the era of subsidy granting by the Legislature. The depleted Treasury of the Province is evidence conclusive on the financial side, and the lowered moral tone of the House during that period should warn their successors against a renewal of the policy.

It may be necessary for the State to aid certain railway projects, but this aid should be extended exclusively to short lines of railway, the extension of existing lines into an agricultural country to provide for our surplus population. Projects for traversing the continent from north to south and from east to west should be avoided.

Continental routes involving the expenditure of a hundred millions of dollars should be left entirely for the profit,