

Mines, Thessalon, Blind River, Massey and Webbwood, to the prosperous and progressive Town of Sudbury, where we visited the different mines at that point, which produce over 75 per cent. of the nickel of the world, employ thousands of men, and pay millions of dollars annually to their workmen. We saw the expansion that is going on there in connection with the mining industry and the works connected therewith, every company engaged in enlarging their works so as to greatly increase and in some cases double their output.

I subsequently made a trip over the Canadian Northern from Sudbury to the end of the steel, but at that time, unfortunately for us, the steel did not extend very far to the west, and I did not have an opportunity of forming much judgment as to the character of the land through which that road runs. The steel was only connected on this section a short time ago, and ballasting has not yet been completed.

My honorable friend complained that the lands lying along this railway have been tied up from settlement, but I would like to point out to him that he is under a complete misapprehension as to the facts. No land has yet been selected for or awarded to that company and no land has been tied up, but settlement will not and should not be permitted to go in there before this road is in operation and proper transportation facilities provided for the settlers.

I have said something in a general way about the great Clay Belts, consisting as they do of millions of acres of splendid agricultural land, but all the good agricultural land in Northern Ontario is by no means confined to these sections. We have in the Districts of Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay and Kenora millions of acres more of magnificent land, and large areas in these Districts are situated convenient to growing and prosperous towns and cities, which makes them particularly advantageous for settlement. Then we have the Rainy River Valley in the western portion of the Province, where you have an area of first-class agricultural land three-quarters of a million of acres in extent.

Some years ago we heard a great deal about what the late Government had done and was doing for Northern Ontario, and I want to give you some particulars with reference to what the late Liberal Government actually did for that country as compared with what the present Government is doing for the development of that great domain.