

more technical schools than we have. I think we ought. What has this Government done in the town represented by the hon. gentleman from the Sault? In that town alone the present Conservative Government granted \$5,000 to the technical school. We don't find that the Liberal Government in 1904 gave one single dollar for technical education in the whole of that vast North country. Not one dollar. So that we have in 1907 \$52,565 for the public school education of the districts of the North, more than they ever received under Liberal administration. I think, Sir, that amounts to something. I think the people of that North country realize the value of it and understand it. And I say, Sir, that the hon. gentleman from the Soo does not represent the sentiment of that North country when he says that we have done "absolutely nothing" for that country. Rural public schools formerly received \$100 per school, whereas they now receive about \$140 and upwards per school. We are giving grants for the building of schools, for technical schools, for normal and training schools, for the inspection of schools, and all along the line the North country is receiving attention from the present Department of Education such as the Liberal Government never gave during the whole history of their administration in this country. **School books are reduced as far as they have had an opportunity to touch them, about one-half in price.**

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Minister is in Touch with Settlers of all Classes and Ready to Supply their Wants

The hon. gentleman pretends to tell you that the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines only conceived the idea of giving the settler the mineral and the timber during the last day or two. Why, Sir, from the very first day the Minister came into the Department he realized the value and the necessity of such a policy to the people of the Province as soon as the Government were in a position to put it into force. As far back as 1906 the hon. gentleman in charge of the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines commenced an examination and inspection of townships in that North country, examining in 1906 alone some twelve or fifteen townships with the very purpose in view of bringing them under the operation of this bill. (Applause.) Did we steal their clothes? It was a very funny time to steal them—some years before they had any. No, Sir, this Government took steps to inaugurate that policy a year and a half ago, and the result is that there are many townships ready to-day to be placed under the provisions of these bills. And there are many places all over that North country where licenses are yet in existence, in townships where there are many settlers, where it is impossible to do anything until such times as we can get these licenses terminated and these bills into force.