

unstained before an appeal is made to the people, we will be able in the future to regard this as another triumph for the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia, a triumph for which we have been obliged to exercise much patience and perhaps to undergo much disappointment. I trust this patience and disappointment, which have meant as much to me as to any other citizen of this Province, will be rewarded in the consummation of an amount of railway construction which will place railway advantages practically within the reach of all sections of our Province. (cheers.)

### A PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

Statements have frequently been made by our opponents that this Government is an unprogressive Government. What have the farmers of Nova Scotia to say to this criticism? I would be content to permit any farmer, Liberal or Conservative, who is anxious to reach a sound conclusion on the record of the Government with respect to their agricultural policy to ascertain the facts. I am not afraid, if he possesses any fairness, but that he will reach the conclusion that the present Provincial Government have pursued as progressive, as sound and as effective and practical an agricultural policy as was possible for us to do, or for any Government to do under like circumstances. There is no Government to my knowledge, which has done more. There is not a phase of agricultural education along any line which has not received our attention.

There has been no request made by the farmers which has not met with a willing response. There has been no criticism made reflecting on the desire of the Government to do everything possible to give our farmers every advantage which legislative enactment and a wise expenditure of public money could give them. Even our political opponents in the Legislature, who at one time had doubts as to our optimism and wisdom in respect to the Agricultural College and as to our importation of stock have changed their views. Their testimony in recent years has been just as hearty and cordial in the light of experience as it was hostile and antagonistic when it was first proposed.

### FARMERS MAKING PROGRESS.

There are some things in the life of a public man that give

him pleasure and satisfaction. I want to say to you that if there is anything in my public career which comforts me, it is the possession of the facts that I have never on any occasion been unmindful of that great class of people which form the basis of the wealth of every country. The farmers of Nova Scotia cannot in fairness claim that our policy has not been progressive and practical and from their standpoint in their best interests. I am glad to have evidences from every quarter in this Province that the pursuit of farming is making progress. The farmer is becoming more hopeful and contented with his lot, is living well, having all the comforts of life and making money.

### THE WAY TO SUCCESS.

We are only at the beginning of what it is possible to do in farming in Nova Scotia. Scientific farming in all its branches is beginning to be appreciated. In every well developed agricultural section of our Province hundreds of farmers can now be pointed to, men who are willing to bear testimony to the fact that the policy of this Government has not only helped them but has blazoned a path for the future success of this important industry. I want every farmer who is desirous of intelligently dealing with the attitude of the Government on this question, to examine carefully our long record of useful legislative enactments. Our Agricultural College, our importation of stock, our travelling dairies, our model orchards, our assistance to creameries and cheese factories, the aid given to various agricultural and horticultural societies, our experimental farms, our drainage machine, are all of a character which place within the reach of every farmer of this country the means to possess himself with knowledge which must convey and does convey to him all that is reasonably necessary to put his industry on a basis where, if it is not successful, no blame can be brought to the door of the Government.

### MUST COMMAND SUPPORT.

I realize it is difficult for men of a different political school to change their views, but I have sometimes wondered if a Government was to be judged by its record, how the farmers in this country who have a just conception as to the manner in which their needs and requirements