

to be necessary. But, in view of the great difficulties and dangers in such a policy, we should be sure that such a course is necessary before we embark on it. I want to point out that the same needs for either loans or improved farms do not exist in Northern Ontario as exist in the Western Provinces. First, the settler can find an abundance of work. He can work on the colonization roads; he can find work in the lumber camps and the mining camps; but, best of all, he has the great asset of timber upon his land, not only to build his house and fence his farm, but he has in his timber an asset that he can turn into cash, and while he is clearing up his farm, he is getting money for himself to carry on his development work. This is a great benefit and asset to men going into that north country. Let us see just for a moment how far that is correct. Let me show how much of an asset in dollars and cents the timber is to the settler in that north country. In the last three years the settlers in that country have sold timber valued on the stump at figures less than what we are selling Crown timber for, amounting to \$949,343.50; in other words, \$1,000,000 in round figures have gone into the pockets of the settlers of Northern Ontario for their timber alone. But, more than that, remember the figures that I am giving you are only figures of settlers on lands that have not been patented; we get no returns from those who have received their patents. The season before last the settlers in the Rainy River valley got in that one section of Northern Ontario alone over \$260,000 in cash for the timber sold which they got free of dues. Now let us look at the settlers along the line of the T. & N. O. Railway in reference to the pulpwood. During the year 1913 there was sold and shipped over the T. & N. O. 42,454 cords, easily worth \$160,000. We are doing very much better this year, and we find that during the months of January, February and March the settlers along that line shipped over 29,000 cords. If you value that at \$4.00 a cord, they received \$116,000. If you make it only \$3.75, that would make it approximately \$109,000. My honorable friend from Manitoulin calls my attention to the fact that settlers get \$100,000 every year from timber on that island. I had a report from one of my timber agents, Mr. McDonald, of Timiskaming, who tried to get for me a report of the timber sold by the settlers there, and this is what he tells me,—that the settlers last year in his