

entitled. Under it the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, having first satisfied himself that there are no available minerals in the land, may give the settler a patent entitling him to mines and minerals. Similarly with regard to lands already settled. The settler may apply for a patent including the mines and minerals, and under section 2 of the Act the Minister will send an officer to examine, and, if such officer reports that there are no mines or minerals on the land, then the settler may get a patent entitling him to the mines and minerals. Surely this is making light of, and treating with scant courtesy the fair and reasonable demands of the pioneer who blazes the path for the future advance of prosperity and civilization.

The policy of the Liberal party is to give to the bona fide settler his land, and everything above and below it absolutely.

The rich and valuable portion of the Province lying along the line of the Canadian Northern Railway from the boundary to Ft. Frances and beyond, is entitled to much greater consideration than it has already received. The policy of the present Leader of the Opposition, previously enunciated by him, is that competent engineers should be sent to this district to make a thorough examination and to obtain data upon which can be based a complete and comprehensive drainage scheme for the improvement of the whole district. At the same time surveys could be made and a plan formulated for the construction of a through trunk road for colonization purposes, properly located and constructed upon a proper plan and under proper supervision. It is felt that such a road would be of the utmost benefit to the settlers and a general advantage in opening up this fertile portion of the Province.

In this connection it may further be stated that it is the policy of the Liberal party in the Legislature to do away with the present extravagant piecemeal method of constructing colonization roads by doles, here and there, expended without any general plan and without any proper supervision. It is felt that the large sums of money spent by the Province would give many times their present return if a comprehensive scheme of colonization road construction was devised and proceeded with from year to year under competent advice and control.

MINING.

The feature of the present Act by which the prospector must be able to show valuable mineral within a limited time on a claim staked by him is not in accord with the views of the Lib-