

the same general lines. When several were applying for the same island, the Minister asked a bonus in addition to the rental, and in that way added a little to the revenue of the Province as well as **made it impossible for the unsuccessful competitor to blame politics for his lack of success.**

VETERAN LOCATION

Solving a Vexed Question Which Arose Through Ill-considered Legislation—Patents for the Veterans, Taxes for the Town- ships and Neighbors for the Settlers.

The Government found, after a careful scrutiny of the results of locating veteran grants, that the methods adopted by its predecessors in office were opposed to the interest of the actual settler and the development of the various districts. One in every four lots was a veteran location, exempt from all taxes, except school rates, for ten years. The veteran had no particular interest in the community except in so far as its development rendered his holding more valuable. His share of road work had to be done by settlers already burdened with the tasks of the pioneer, and at the close of ten long years the veteran himself, under the original act would have been obliged to perform the usual settlement duties before he could get his patent.

These conditions created much dissatisfaction on the part of both settler and veteran, and the Government decided to change the regulations so that on application any veteran could procure his patent, **the patent being granted only on condition that the owner became at once responsible for all taxes.** This was no hardship to the veteran as in the unorganized districts there are no taxes to pay, and it re-