

for a distance of 400 miles ; the Canadian Northern Transcontinental line running through the southerly part of this Belt ; and the Algoma Central line running north from Sault Ste. Marie, a splendid and thriving port at the foot of Lake Superior, and connecting with the National Transcontinental line at Hearst, in the very heart of the Great Clay Belt. We have land sufficient to provide homes for millions, and the Government is now particularly studying the question of how we can best assist settlers after the war, and especially ex-soldiers, who may desire to seek homes for themselves in a new country, and who are entitled to the best thought and consideration of the people in every section of the Empire. We have already made provision for furnishing settlers with good seed at cost, and for lending them money at a cheap rate of interest to help in clearing their farms and securing the necessary horses, stock and implements to enable them to proceed advantageously with the work of clearing and cultivating their homesteads. In addition to the Government College and Experimental Farm at Guelph, one of the best agricultural colleges in the world, we are establishing agricultural schools, experimental farms, and experimental plots throughout the newer sections of the Province, so that the settler may be able to secure in the easiest manner possible all necessary information. Added to this, a Government farm-expert is located in every community, who gives the settler the benefit and advantage of expert advice as to the best seeds to sow, the best manner of cultivation, and in other matters in which he may require advice or assistance. In short, the Government of Ontario is ready to do everything reasonable and practicable to assist the settler, and especially the ex-soldier, to make a success in establishing himself in our Province.

But while Ontario is a great agricultural country, that is only one of its many resources, and one of our great advantages as a Province is the diversified character of our resources and occupations. We are fast taking no mean place as a mineral-producing country. One ounce in every seven of the silver that comes from the earth's crust is taken from the cobalt mines of Ontario, and