

# Relief for the Western Settler

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The Borden Government has given still further proof that it is a Government for the people. To the people of Western Canada this must be particularly apparent.

Since the present Government took office everything possible has been done to improve the condition of the settlers on the prairie. Many changes in the homestead and grazing regulations and a policy that has given cheaper and better transportation facilities have done much to assist these pioneers.

The recent announcement of Government assistance to the settlers in the areas affected by drought is in keeping with the avowed policy of the Government to protect and assist the new settlers.

In that large area from Moose Jaw to Calgary and south of the South Saskatchewan River, climatic conditions this year caused an almost total crop failure. In no part of the West could such a condition have a more disastrous effect for the reason that the district has only been recently settled and few of the settlers have realized little, if anything, from the land. When it became known that the settlers were faced with a crop failure that would be followed by hardship and serious loss, the Government took immediate action to relieve those suffering from the result of the unusual climatic conditions.

The Department of Interior arranged for free transportation from the affected districts to the wheat fields so that the settlers could secure employment in harvest and threshing. Government agents warned the settlers to secure hay for their stock or drive their stock to good pasture land or the grain fields.

For those who wished to leave to secure employment elsewhere for the winter, it was arranged that their homestead holdings would be protected against cancellation—no cancellations being permitted in the affected area until April of next year.