



A Typical Pioneer Farm in New Ontario, where there are great agricultural possibilities.

ONTARIO SETS NEW PACE IN COLONIZATION

AFTER several years of public discussion and after a few months of decided public agitation by boards of trade and the public press, Sir James Whitney announces a new development policy for Northern Ontario. He has set a new example for the other provinces to follow.

The details are not available yet, but the Government will ask the Legislature to give it authority to borrow a sum of money not exceeding five million dollars, to be used in the settlement, colonization and building of necessary roads in New Ontario. The money will be spent under the authority and direction of a special deputy-minister or commissioner.

Mr. Rowell, the leader of the Opposition, approves of the vote and regrets only that it is not larger. Mr. Studholme, the independent party in the Legislature, declares he has been advocating it since 1907. So all are agreed.

The CANADIAN COURIER has discussed this policy on many occasions, so that our congratulations are hearty and sincere. Sir James Whitney has shown his ability to gauge public opinion and his willingness to be as progressive as the people whom he serves.

The provincial government which depends entirely on the Dominion authorities to stimulate its development will be left in the rear. Each province must help itself, be the master of its own destiny. Ontario recognizes this and has entered on a policy of development in New Ontario which will in the end absorb more than four times this first appropriation. But it will double the population and uncover almost unlimited natural wealth and resources.

New Ontario is capable of supporting a population quite as large as that of Old Ontario, but the pioneering is hard work. To make the task of the pioneer easier, Sir James makes this appropriation. Roads, schoolhouses, ready-made farms, advice, assistance, and everything which might reasonably be given to pioneers will be forthcoming. If the execution of the work is as satisfactory as Sir James' conception of the needs of the hour, Ontario has entered upon a new era.



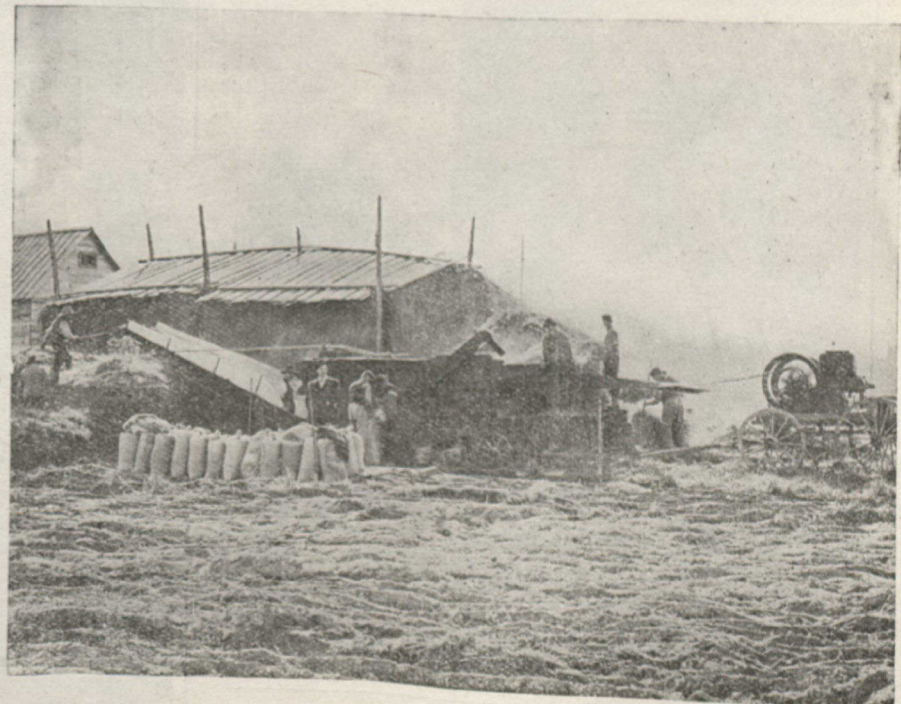
The Pioneers of New Ontario and their healthy, happy children.



A School Picnic at Heaslip---in the land of spruce forests.



Joy Riding in an Automobile as practised by the Pioneers of New Ontario.



These Pioneers use the latest gasoline engine when threshing wheat and oats.
Photographs by W. P. Strickland.