

shall continue our efforts to minimize as far as possible the evils resulting from the liquor traffic and the drink habit.

That part of the province known as New Ontario, under a Minister specially chosen to represent the north country, has been developed and colonized with due regard to its great future, and its resources in land, timber and minerals have been wisely and carefully administered. In addition to the extension of territory received from the Dominion Government and known as the District of Patricia, containing 146,400 square miles, we have secured for the province a port on Hudson Bay.

The legislation providing \$5,000,000 for constructing roads and bridges and for the advancement of colonization and settlement has been productive of excellent results in the upbuilding of our splendid northern domain.

We invite your special attention to the very valuable Report on the Public Highways of Ontario which involves the reconstruction of roads all over the province on a modern scientific basis at a large outlay, and this great task we will, with your approval, vigorously undertake so that every section of the community may be benefited thereby.

In something less than ten years all that I have indicated above, and much more, has been accomplished.

We began the task you allotted to us realizing that the good name of Ontario had been compromised by corrupt election methods, that its best interests were languishing and its revenues stationary. We have earnestly sought by honest administration and enlightened legislation to place the province in the position she should rightfully occupy in the Dominion of Canada, and reviewing the results which have been accomplished under a gracious Providence and by the help of our fellow-citizens, we ask you to renew your confidence in order that the work may be carried on.

We point, may I not say with justifiable pride, to our record. No stain rests upon it. Being human we have made mistakes, but we have done our best. We have detractors, it is true, but they are indeed a negligible quantity, and no organized hypocrisy can to-day, either by means of bluster or shameless falsehood, deceive an intelligent and fair-minded electorate.

Profoundly thankful, then, for the confidence heretofore given to us, we ask you to accept our pledge, which we give now for the fourth time, that we will, to the extent of our ability, continue to give you the same faithful service in the future.

Permit me in closing to express my appreciation of the splendid work done by my colleagues during the Session just closed, and while I was unable from illness to be present.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. WHITNEY.

May 30th, 1914.