

ing up land in Northern Ontario, who are much better satisfied with their land here than they were in the West.

Then they have had a great boom in the West, and the reports of fortunes made in lands there have been a great source of attraction to that country. I do not want any such boom in Northern Ontario. I want a good, steady, healthy growth that will bring no corresponding depressions or no difficulties as the years go past.

Timber for Settlers.

A very amusing remark of my honorable friend was his statement that we should not be mean with the settler about the timber on his land. There was a time when the Government was mean, and very mean, with the settler about the timber, but that was when his friends were in power, and I am sure my honorable friend will be glad to learn that this Government gives the settler who goes up to Northern Ontario not only all the timber on his land but the mineral as well. In other words, the settler gets everything that is on the land or underneath the land at the nominal sum of 50 cents an acre and the payment divided over a number of years.

Improved Farms—Loans to Settlers.

There are two other subjects referred to by my honorable friend that require consideration and thought, and they have been and are receiving consideration and thought by myself and this Government, that is the question of improved farms and loans to settlers. My honorable friend stated quite truly that the C.P.R. and some of the land companies in the West had inaugurated a system of improved farms and that this has helped to settle that country. A railway company can do that with less difficulty and less obstacles than a government. We have had some experience in connection with loans to settlers. The former Government made some loans to settlers in the Muskoka district, but a hard election fight came on, and these loans were all forgiven. That is one of the difficulties of carrying on work of that kind by any Government. The honorable gentleman himself quite properly emphasized other difficulties. I do not say these difficulties cannot be overcome, if such a course is found