

Settlement of Northern Ontario is Being Planned

Announcement Made by the Government to This Effect—Loans Will be Given to Desirable Settlers.

Toronto, April 7.—The Ontario Government's proposals to encourage and assist settlement in Northern Ontario were announced in the Legislature by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson yesterday, in introducing an amendment to the Northern Development Act, that will open the way for extensive financial help to desirable settlers.

Briefly stated, the Government pro-

poses, through a special commissioner, to make loans at a low rate of interest to any settler whose application proves worthy. That assistance will be limited for the present to \$300 to a settler, and the basis upon which the loan will be made will be the amount of land cleared—probably from \$25 to \$35 for each cleared acre.

These loans will by the simple filing of a notice become a first lien upon the settler's land.

The Government, however, proposes to go further. Not only will the settler be given financial assistance but the department in charge will assume more direct charge of the location to newcomers. Instead of being allowed to go into the North Country and settle down wherever they fancy, settlers in the future will be placed together, no new townships being opened until those now open have been filled.

The situation in Northern Ontario, as far as colonization is concerned, and the settlement and development of the land, is one that has been receiving great attention at the hands of the Government for some time," stated the Minister in introducing the bill. "Settlement has been progressing fairly rapidly under conditions to be met with in that sec-

tion of the province such as are not met with anywhere else in the Dominion of Canada. The peculiar character of the land, with the great part of it heavily timbered, puts that country in an unfavorable position in meeting the competition of the open lands of the West. The new settler is handicapped by the lack of means, the lack of credit at a time when a little monetary assistance would be a tremendous advantage to him."

A NEW ERA COMING

The Minister went on to point out that Ontario was approaching a new era of development. With the close of the war there would be a heavy tide of immigration to Ontario and to the land, and the Government had realized the importance of being ready to provide accommodation for that new population. Ontario had in the North a vast area of land that was pregnant with opportunity for success along agricultural lines. At first the timber of the North was looked upon as its chief asset, then its mines, but now it was recognized that Northern and North-western Ontario were destined to become great agricultural stretches. In the North Country there were some twenty millions of just as good land as could be found anywhere west of the Great Lakes, as good as land anywhere else on the face of the globe. That had been demonstrated by the men who had gone in and in the face of great difficulties had made for themselves valuable farms.

Ferguson stated that in the District of Timiskaming alone there were 28,000,000 acres of land, 17,000,000 of which were available for settlement. There had been sold almost 800,000 acres of that land, the great part of which was in the hands of settlers. In the District of Timiskaming there were 6,000 settlers, all heads of families, who had gone in recent years. For the past year returns showed that there were raised three-quarters of a million dollars.

The Minister reviewed the results attending the distribution of seed grain on credit among the settlers of the north country. Four thousand settlers had secured seed and in Timiskaming alone \$30,000 had been advanced to the settlers in seed, protected by a lien note.

"While these loans did not become repayable until the first of this month, the money is now being paid at the rate of \$1,000 to \$1,500 a day," said the Minister, in demonstrating the improved position of the settlers by reason of the assistance given them by the department in getting crops last year.

"The great majority of those settlers have now enough seed for their own uses and some of them have a surplus to set aside for the next year. We are again giving seed on credit to worthy settlers, but it is a striking fact and tangible evidence of the splendid progress made by the settlers here up to the present time we have had only 400 applications for seed, where last year we had about 4,000 applications."

LOANS ON CLEARED LAND

The Minister in explaining the government's plan for aiding the settlers, referred to the importance of providing them with live stock and stated that the Government had that matter under consideration.

"Our thought in connection with these loans is that as they are made from time to time they shall be made largely upon the basis of clearing done. If inspection indicates that in a certain district it costs from \$40 to

\$50 to clear the land, it might be well for the Government to advance the settler \$25 to \$30, according to his land. If he should leave the country, the province would always have the improvements as ample security against any advance that has been made. I take it there will be absolutely no risk by the Government and there will be inestimable advantages and good to the settlers able to secure loans from the Government."

The Government believes that it is desirable to keep the advancement of provincial or public moneys to the settlers as far as we can possibly keep it from Government or political control in any sense. We, therefore, propose under this act to appoint a statutory commission through whom these loans will be made. That commission will make the investigations into applications, make the valuations and decide whether a loan should be made or not. To safeguard the province against loss, or rather against extravagance or improper loans and to keep this matter within the limitations of legitimate assistance, we will limit the amount of a loan in each case to \$300. That should be in all ordinary circumstances—much less in most of them—be enough."

The Minister declared that the department was working upon plans for the carrying out of an energetic colonization propaganda from now on.

"We propose to be prepared for after-the-war conditions and we propose to have our machinery ready to take advantage of every opportunity that may come to this country after the war, in the way of new settlers or immigrants of any kind."

"Our thought also is that we shall open new townships only as they are required for settlement. We shall keep closer supervision over actual colonization than in the past. We propose that it shall be done on some systematic basis. We do not intend to let settlers get located in any part of the country where they may be isolated and become a liability to the country. It is thought that we shall group our settlers as we go along and keep close supervision over every settlement as well as the business and economic phase, there is the social side of life to be provided for and unless we can satisfy the settler's wife to stay there we are not much hope of the settler making any success. We must keep the settlers sufficiently in touch so that there shall be some social life amongst them, so that they can have churches and schools and all the advantages of municipal organization."

APPOINT SPECIAL AGENTS

Mr. Ferguson stated that the department proposed to appoint a number of special agents at points in the north whose duty it would be to welcome the settlers, advise and give them all useful information and to look after their business affairs, and the storing of their household goods until the settler can get settled.

The new work will be under the direction of an experienced business man, with a staff of men thoroughly in touch with conditions in the north.

"WE'RE READY, BUT SEND SINGLE MEN FIRST."



An open-air meeting of the "Union of Attested and Married Men" in one of the London parks. These men, attested under the Derby scheme, are calling on the Government to fulfil its pledge to send single men of military age first. At a conference this week Lord Derby agreed to urge the Government to carry this out.—(Exclusive Courier Pictorial Service, in conjunction with the London Daily Mirror.)

British News

An army order announces that the King has approved of a new medal being struck to commemorate local military operations against native tribes or rebels in East, Central, and West Africa. It will be known as the "Africa General Service Medal."

The same order notifies that the new medal, with clasp "Shimber Berris, 1914-15," has been granted to officers and men under the command of Colonel T. A. Cubitt, D.S.O., who took part in operations against derwishes at Shimber Berris in November, 1914, and February, 1915, with the clasp "Nyassaland, 1915." The medal is granted to the forces engaged in operations against rebels in the Shire Highlands of Nyassaland in January and February, 1915.

A food-raising experiment is being very successfully carried out in Croydon. Nearly 300 workmen are growing their own vegetables on ground lent free of cost. This enterprise is managed by the Croydon Vacant Lands Cultivation Society. The plots are chiefly land which is lying idle till the building trade revives. Others are the gardens of untenanted or "derelict" houses. Factory proprietors have given up their surplus land for the time being. Plots are let under legal agreement, the committee in most cases undertaking if called upon to give up the land at four days' notice. In that event the plot-holder gets compensation from a common fund to which all these "small holders" pay 4s. a year.

A wounded soldier is seriously ill at Eastbourne as the result of eight days imprisonment in an empty well. He is unable to give any account of how he got into it. He was discovered by some people who were walking through the wood at Paradise. One of the party looked over a fence into a well, and exclaimed, "There's a soldier." An ambulance party was summoned and by means of a ladder and ropes the man was brought to the surface. He was not unconscious, and could walk, but he appeared to be very ill, and was quite

unable to give an account of himself. He had almost a week's growth of beard, and was covered with mud and chalk. He was placed in a motor car and taken to comfortable quarters, where he was put to bed. The well, now not used, is about twelve feet square and thirty feet deep. In the past it was used to take overflow from a reservoir. The soldier must have kept himself alive by catching water as it trickled from the side of the well.

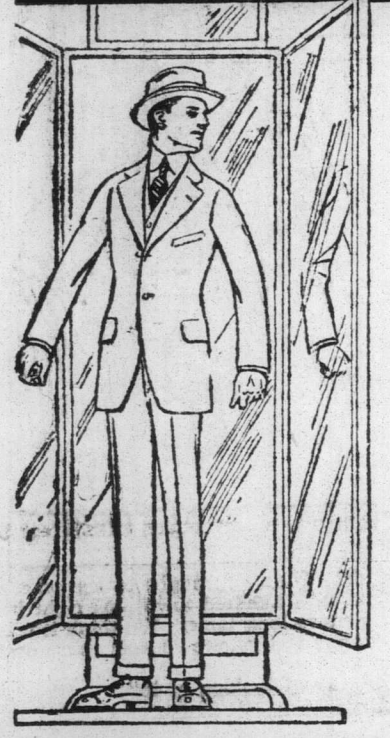
The Cornwall sea fisheries committee states that the herring fishing season has been one of the best ever recorded from a monetary point of view. Abnormal prices have been realized. Owing to men being on active service the fleets are smaller than usual, and on one of the St. Ives boats the youngest man is over 60 years of age.

A superstitious belief prevalent in some of the rural districts of Devonshire, that it was unlucky to cut a baby's nails, was referred to at a recent meeting of the Devon Nursing Association. In one case a woman, whose husband is at the front, had allowed her baby's nails to grow for a twelvemonth. The result was that the little one's face was terribly scratched.

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SPRING BLOOD IS WATERY BLOOD

How to Get New Health and New Strength at This Season.

Spring ailments are not imaginary. Even the most robust find the winter months most trying to their health. Confinement indoors, often in overheated and nearly always badly ventilated rooms—in the home, the office, the shop and the school—takes the vitality of even the strongest. The blood becomes thin and watery and is clogged with impurities. Some people have headaches and a feeling of languor. Others are low-spirited and nervous. Still others are troubled with disfiguring pimples and skin eruptions; while some get up in the morning feeling just as tired as when they went to bed. These are all spring symptoms that the blood is out of order and that a medicine is needed. Many people take purgative medicines in the spring. This is a serious mistake. You cannot cure yourself with a medicine that gallops through your system and leaves you weaker still. This is all that a purgative does. What you need to give you strength and energy in the spring is a tonic medicine that will enrich the blood and soothe the jangled nerves. And the one always reliable, tonic and blood purifier is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These Pills not only banish spring weakness but guard you against the more serious ailments that follow, such as anaemia, nervous debility, indigestion, rheumatism and other diseases due to bad blood. In proof of this Mrs. D. E. Hughes, Hazenmore, Sask., says: "About a year ago I was badly run down, my nerves were all unstrung, and I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. As I was a long ways from a doctor I determined to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and in the course of a few weeks I felt like a new person. As an all round restorative, I can heartily recommend this medicine."

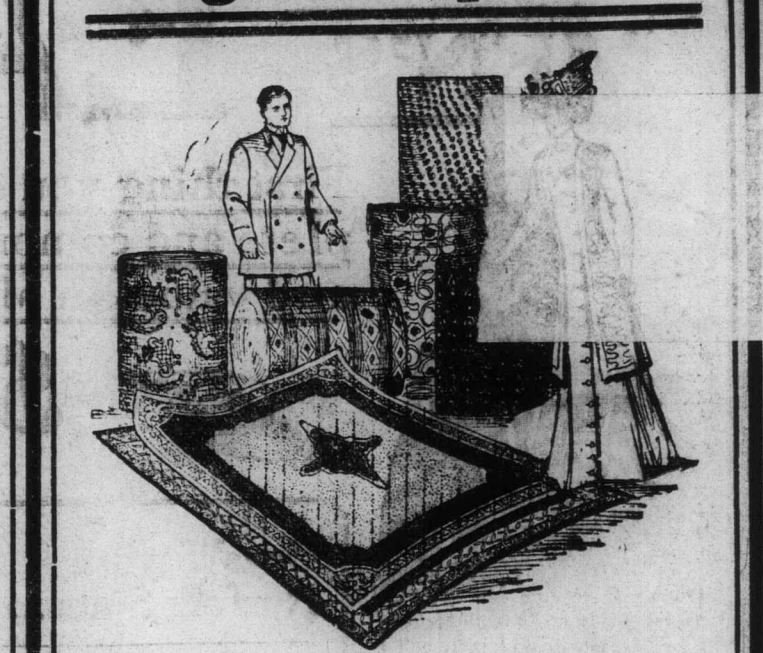
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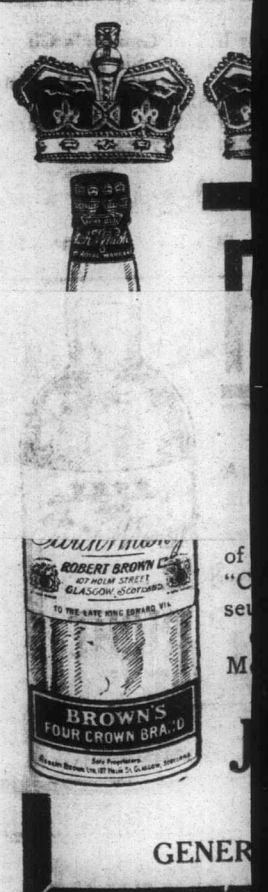
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