

subsistence needs. In a decade they would be supporting new villages and market towns. In a generation they could be as wealthy as the rural communities of almost any part of the Occidental world.

Any hard and fast plan, it is not possible to lay down to the last detail as much will depend on the proportionate support received from different quarters. Details will vary, not only on that account, but also, to the extent of the difference between theory and practice. Suffice it to say that for our own satisfaction we have worked out details based on different lines of procedure. However, certain general lines of development can be marked out, certain essentials can be specified. First, there is the question of transportation. We do not think for a moment that any city in Alberta or British Columbia would hesitate to pay the transportation of any relief family and thus escape further provision for their support.

Next comes the question of building materials and food etc. for an initial period. This, we feel should be a matter for the Dominion Government to handle either through the Canadian Red Cross or through a Board of Trustees to be appointed. There will in these, and other matters, be problems of adjustment between Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments, but, there seems no good reason why these inherent difficulties should not be solved.

Having been assured of the support necessary to enable us to begin operations, our first step would be to send out early in the spring, an advance party of some fifty or hundred men. These men would be divided into different groups; some to prepare land and put in vegetables, some in clearing and erecting houses and others in establishing a community centre. The Queen Charlotte Islands require roads, bridges, and, with the influx of settlers, construction of many other works of a public nature. Our settlers want work. A certain amount of work might be provided by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the Department of National Defence and, possibly, the Department of Public Works. The Province of British Columbia might probably be unable or unwilling to provide cash payments for any