

our farm implements over \$92,000,000, and the total assessment of property liable to Municipal taxation is over \$2,000,000,000. The Municipalities annually pay for the maintenance of our schools \$12,500,000, which sum is largely supplemented by Provincial grants. In the fall of 1913, our farmers had on deposit in the Savings Banks \$100,000,000.

From the above it will be seen that farming in all its branches—including grain growing, cattle raising, dairying, fruit and vegetable growing—is carried on most successfully in the Province, and when you stop to consider the extent of our production with our relatively small population, and only 6 per cent. of our land under cultivation, you will readily understand the opportunities there are for those who desire to engage in farming in any of its branches, and be able to understand something of what the immense value of Ontario's agricultural output will be when all her farm and orchard lands are placed under cultivation.

It is true we have large tracts of land holding greater possibilities for timber and minerals than from an agricultural standpoint, but, nevertheless, we have millions upon millions of acres of just as good agricultural land awaiting the advent of the settler as the land already under cultivation; and this land the Government will give free, or at the nominal price of 50 cents an acre, to all desirable classes fitted for this kind of life, who wish to cast their lot with us, and help to develop one of the richest and most favourably situated portions of the Empire. One of the most important agricultural areas awaiting development in Canada is what is known as the Great Clay Belt, to the north of the height of land on the Hudson Bay slope in Ontario. This section, which contains 15 to 20 million acres of excellent clay soil, until recently has been inaccessible by reason of lack of railway transportation. That obstacle has now largely been overcome, and we have the Ontario Government railway, extending from North Bay to Cochrane, 252 miles, and running north and south through the easterly part of this Belt. Then we have the National Transcontinental Railway running east and west through the northern section of this country, traversing good agricultural land