

settlement, the mining system is corrupt. A complete reform must be effected, that colonization may be promoted. The appeals for relief are pressing.

"I am a Liberal," writes an old resident at the Sault, "but I am tired of the corruption in official circles. The district is governed for the benefit of the creatures of the Government, and its development is retarded. Thirty-three years of this is too much. The Government has been in too long. Give us anything for a change. But take away the Ross Government. Lash it away."

Railway Grants

Grants to railways for development or colonization purposes and in such cases only after most careful examination into the merits of each application. In every case stock or security should be taken for the amount advanced and freight and passenger rates should be controlled by the Legislature. If moneys granted by other Provinces by way of bonus to local railways are to be paid back to such Provinces by the Dominion Government, Ontario must insist upon justice being done her in the same way.

This is an important provision, for in addition in providing for railway progress in Ontario, it protects the rights of the Province as regards railway expenditures. We give our own money and our own land for railways. Then, the two "Liberal" Governments, that at Ottawa and that at Toronto, compel us to pay again for railways in the Maritime Provinces and in Quebec.

Today, Ontario is building the Temiskaming Railway at the expense of the Ontario taxpayers. Every cent Ontario has to pay. Not one cent does Ottawa contribute. Yet no other Province is building its own lines. We build our own, and then help through the Federal taxes to build railways in other Provinces.

We paid nearly half the cost of the Intercolonial Railway. We pay \$900,000 a year as our share of the interest on the outlay on that road. We shall pay nearly half of the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which runs far to the north. We pay not only half of the cost of Government-owned roads, but half of the subsidies to private owned roads.

Yet we have to build our own railway into the Temiskaming district, and the Ottawa Government refuses to give the ordinary aid, while the Ross Government dare not insist that justice be done to us.

Mining

With reference to the mineral development of Ontario, Mr. Whitney has put on record the following proposition:

Substantial encouragement should be given to the development and refining of our several mineral ores, in order to hasten the time when we may insist that the entire process of refining be carried on here, instead of in a foreign country.

To this has been added this advanced suggestion by the Conservative Conference:

"That in the opinion of this Conference a mining office should be established in each mining district, where all information in regard to the mining lands in such districts shall be obtained free of charge, and where a location map shall be kept on which each application when made shall be marked and such application shall be granted in the order in which they are received at such office."