

anything that betters the home and builds up the community. Take the keen competitions in grain and roots and live stock at all our fairs and exhibitions. Take all these things, and what do they mean? They mean an efficient and effective Department, but they mean more. I believe that never before were there as many earnest, progressive farmers in the Province of Ontario as at the present time.

NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM.

Let the hon. gentlemen opposite be as pessimistic as they like, let them "write their library of lamentations" if they choose. They may look sad in appearance and small in number, but we on this side are not going to follow them in that direction—not for a moment. We see no decadent countryside. We see changes and readjustments, but out of all we can see emerging an agriculture based on permanence and achieving the highest ambitions of quality. We see in the vigorous and virile young manhood of rural Ontario, eagerly seeking information at every turn, a guarantee that the future of the agriculture of this Province will surpass even the splendid records of past years. We look forward to a Province of even greater things—a Province with boys and girls in the rural districts fully equipped for the battle of life. We travel on a better road, and leave the hon. gentlemen to travel their particular road alone.