

inee of Ontario, in Cobalt, or elsewhere, shall receive substantial aid from the Government." So that, so far as a Government can, they have given every encouragement to prospectors and to the finishing of the product in the Province of Ontario. No one pretends that the mining law is perfect in every particular. No man could make a law which would be perfect in every particular. Every step, however, so far as the present mining law is concerned, has been a decided step in advance of any previous mining law in the Province. I want to point out, as well, that the officials in connection with this law in that North country are politically honest. Never before was there such a great opportunity to go wrong as in the past few years. There were large matters in dispute. Men from all parts of the world were in this country, and anxious to obtain advantages from the officials of the present Government, so far as some sort of preference might be concerned, instead of a proper recording of mining claims; but, come down to this date, after three years of this Government, and not a single charge can to-day be laid against a single officer of the Conservative Government. It is a great deal to be said to the credit of this Government that their officials have been so honest in their conduct of the present law. The reason is, Sir, that every man recognizes to-day in the Province, no matter what department may be concerned, that the present Government is politically honest, and that honesty is demanded and expected from their officials in whatever department they are, and we get honesty.

ORE FROM GILLIES' LIMIT

I saw in the papers the other day that we are going to ship rich ore very soon from the Gillies limit. Would the Liberal Government have been shipping any rich ore from the Gillies limit? **I don't think there would have been any Gillies limit had the Liberals remained in power. That would have been handed over to the grafter.** Here were thousands of acres of rich mining land. Did the present Government decide to hand it out to the applicants of all kinds? No; they said, "These lands belong to the people of Ontario and we will operate their minerals for the benefit of the people of Ontario," and the result is that the people of Ontario will receive millions of dollars by reason of that decision, and all because we have an honest, capable head in charge of the mining of this Province, a man who knows the value of the mineral to the people of this Province. I don't know that I ought to take up any more time in regard to the discussion of minerals. It is a big, wide question. If you recognize that there is a great future for the minerals of this country, if you recognize that the Department in charge of minerals of this country has a great deal to do in this connection, then the outcome is assured. **The late Government practically had no confidence in the minerals of this country, and for years nothing was done by way of development.** Here we have a