

facts, what were they? Several excursions were taken up into that country, and the Honorable Mr. Hardy said any excursionists who desired a farm and paid down \$5 could secure 160 acres of land, but he could not get any title until he paid up the purchase price, and so the number of acres that the honorable gentleman spoke of was taken up in that particular way, but only 18,000 acres of these sales were ever carried out, and out of that number 3,000 acres have been cancelled, leaving less than 15,000 acres in respect of which sales actually took place, or only ten per cent. of what the honorable gentleman mentioned.

Now just compare the honorable gentleman's boasted record and our record for 1912. Fifteen hundred and twenty-eight persons actually paid the first instalment, and sales to the extent of 228,360 acres were carried out, or fifteen times as much as in the banner year of the Liberal Government.

Why just in two days after the opening of the Crown Land Agency at Hearst last year 44 sales, equal to 5,577 acres, were carried out, being one-half of the total sale of the last year of the Liberal Government. In the last two years alone he will find we had go into Northern Ontario 6,820 settlers, taking up 899,166 acres, or nearly 7,000 settlers taking up practically 1,000,000 acres of land. Remember this does not include the men who go in there and squat, but only actual sales where first payment has been made and all conditions complied with. Let us look at what took place in the Timiskaming country. During the last two fiscal years, 1911-12, and 1912-13, we find that in the Timiskaming country 2,456 settlers took up 369,944 acres. That in the Port Arthur District 1,148 settlers took up 153,301 acres. In the Rainy River 1,252 settlers took up 155,566 acres. In the Timiskaming country, to which my honorable friend alluded, 50,000 more acres were taken up and over 350 more settlers went into that country in the last two years than in all the years prior to that date. In the last seven years 21,612 settlers went into that north country. These do not include in the figures I have given you any settlers brought in by the Algoma Central Railway or by the Northern Ontario Colonization Company, or by the Abitibi Pulp & Paper Company, but only the settlers located directly by my Department.

Now let me turn for a moment to the last report of Mr. Whitson, and I would ask the honorable members of this House