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BUILD THE ROADS FIRST BEST POLICY IN NEW TOWNSHIPS THE OPEN TO SETTLERS

Only Such Territory That Will Support Its Own Population and Has Forty Per Cent. of Agricultural Land Should Be Opened Up, is Government Program.

PORT ARTHUR, July 6.—(Staff Correspondence).—The visit of the cabinet ministers may result in radical changes in methods of colonization. Hon. Frank Cochrane has some ideas on the subject which he enunciated at the public meeting on Thursday night. This is the proposal he submits:
Roads should be built before the settlers go in.
"Great trouble has been," said the minister, "that we have allowed people to squat where they like. I feel that a township that has not at least 40 per cent. of agricultural land should not be opened."
The minister did not elaborate the point. But he is on the right track. Heretofore settlers have worked their way into almost inaccessible regions, and their shack and gone on under the most heart-breaking conditions trying to live without communication with the big world outside. Many have failed, hawking up the land in disgust. Others have stayed because they could not move.

Who the newcomer should undertake so evident an impossible task has never been discovered, except that the desire to own land is strong in the west. These men know of the difficulties, but they have seen others succeed and realize the wondrous development that may be had in a district which is not ready for him to invite trouble, and the agents of the government should be as long as the present policy is pursued.
"Give us roads," is the cry of the new citizen that reaches down to Toronto. The reply comes back that the government is spending money building, but it is frankly admitted that most of the money is wasted. It is even hinted that, perhaps, in the past a few dollars may have been appropriated for graft. You could almost find a few people in the north country who have been the stealing of government money, or whether it was wasted on a careless system of road building, it is that there is an impossible thing to work back from the railway a few miles via the government program.

What the government of Ontario suggests thru the ministers is that only land that will support its own population be opened, when a section is to be set apart when the government shall open it up by the construction of a road along the trunk road is sufficient to give the settler a means of transport and become responsible for the expenditure of public money, the government giving a fair proportion of the required funds. The solution of the road question is not hard nor is it far off. Eliminate the graft and the solution is here. Up this way the people have become accustomed to the fact that there is no pull under Cochrane, and they have confidence that this minister will see that the sturdy men who have undertaken the pioneer work of this vast province will have all that is coming to them.

The meeting was generous with applause, and if anyone expected the "kickers" to turn out he must be disappointed. Mr. Cochrane referred to the "secession" movement. He was sorry to hear the word used, but was not sorry to hear that the constitution they had a few kicks to take. He had come among them to be kicked, and had received only kindness that was overwhelming.
He said the constituency had received more money from the government in six years than had been desired from timber or minerals. The education department had doled the amount paid for the support of schools, and the minister told his auditors what the City of Port Arthur had extracted in the way of concessions. As to Dog Lake, however, the government had decided to build the dam, and to grant a right of way for a transmission line.

The Mining Laws.
Mr. Cochrane was not satisfied with the mining laws. The mines did not belong to the Conservative party, and he had tried to administer the law with a heavy hand.
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FOUR THOUSAND AT WORK.
Construction of the G. T. P. is going on rapidly enough.

MONTREAL, July 7.—(Special).—Although a good deal has been heard about the slow progress being made on the Arthur contract of the Transcontinental Railway from Winnipeg to Lake Superior Junction, a distance of 275 miles, Hugh D. Lundsen, chief engineer, who is in the city to-day, says that the McArthur have 400 men at work, and very fair progress is being made.

The chief engineer, who is going to New Brunswick in a few days with the commissioners, denies that any difficulties have been encountered that cannot be easily enough overcome.

STEAMER WRECKED.
MADRID, July 7.—A despatch, received here from Cuba, says the British steamer Denwood, from Genoa for Larnes, struck the rocks two miles from Cape Finistere and went to the bottom.
The crew were saved.
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