

Editorial

The Toronto Globe recently went into raptures over the pioneer community soldier settlement in Merville, B.C., developed under the Provincial Land Settlement Board of British Columbia, and enthusiastically exclaims:

"A desolate waste has been transformed within six months into a flourishing township of 300 people. The experiment has been so successful that the Board has established a second similar settlement at Creston."

Far away pastures always look greenest but a National Daily of the Globe's pretensions can hardly be excused from ignoring the nearby pastures, yet never have we seen a good word mentioned in its columns about the splendid work done in our own province under the direction of the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Mines at Kapuskasing. Surely the Globe is deficient in duty towards its readers as well as toward the soldier citizens of the North in thus totally ignoring the phenomenal strides which have been made by the progressive colony at Kapuskasing.

Or can it be true that the Globe accepts the political clap-trap emanating from the leader of the Opposition as gospel truth. Certainly Mr. Dewar hardly lets a meeting pass at which he is billed to speak without thundering in the most deprecatory manner against the Kapuskasing settlement, but in truth neither Mr. Dewar nor the Globe have the slightest conception of what really has been accomplished in the way of transforming a piece of the primeval forest into a flourishing and contented settlement, thanks to the unflinching energy of Hon. G. H. Ferguson.

At all events we know up here to which political side to lean. The simple fact of the leader of the Opposition continually making disparaging remarks about the Kapuskasing camp being situated "away in the North Country" makes us afraid to entrust the direction of our destinies into the hands of the Opposition whose leaders do not appear big enough to understand and grasp the true meaning of this "North Country."

In its editorial notes and comment the Toronto Star last Friday says:

The Northland Post, published at Cochrane, announces that Hon. G. Howard Ferguson is purchasing several carloads of milch cows in old Ontario and will sell them at cost to farmers in the north country on joint lien notes at 6 per cent. for one year. As these cows will be sold at cost, and not at auction, it looks as if some question would arise as to which farmers would get them, and which have first choice. But in all business affairs there is always some flaw like this.

Why should the Star in such insidious fashion imply sinister motives. We here fully appreciate the helping hand held out by the Government impartially to any bona fide farmer settler as we know from experience that the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines is too much occupied with the single minded purpose of agricultural development of our wonderfully fertile claybelt, and is too big to do things merely for political effect.

May we not, as a subtle reminder not to continually misjudge big men, quote from the Star's own editorial of Monday night, as follows:

"When you come to think of it, it is curious how men who have accomplished nothing of any account will confidently denounce as worthless other men who have won position, prominence and a following throughout the country. Anyone can traduce another. It is about the easiest thing a man can do. All the equipment he needs is a voice, and the louder it is the better for the purpose."