

SETTLERS TURNED DOWN.

Toronto, July 4.—There is so much dissatisfaction among the settlers of Hearst, and especially those who tried to secure land in the rush following the opening of the surrounding farms by the Government recently, that there is strong talk of an indignation meeting being held and a statement of their grievances being forwarded to the department at Toronto. It is claimed that a precedent was established in that settlers who had work under way on farms found, although they were among the first to get into the Crown Lands office when it was opened for the first time by Mr. T. V. Anderson, the new crown lands agent, that claims had been filed for their land by mail. It is said that the squatter, and especially the one who could show that he was not squatting for a speculation, has always been recognized. The big objection at Hearst is over the farm which Mr. Smith Ballantine, the pioneer mail carrier, tried to secure. He had over an acre under cultivation and seeded, but he found that although he was the first man in the rush an application had been received for his land by mail. He insisted on filing a claim and the matter is yet hanging fire. The outcome is being watched with interest as there promises to be a fight for possession of the farm, which is immediately adjoining the town.