

KAPUSKASING WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF CHARACTER OF SOIL

Hon. Mr. Ferguson Gives Reason for Selection of Soldier Settlement Site

Toronto, March 3.—The Government Commission investigating the conditions in the Kapuskasing soldier settlement concluded its Toronto sessions yesterday, and left last night for the north, where personal inspection will be made on the colony and the testimony of settlers there secured a first hand. The evidence taken at the final hearing in the parliament buildings differed little from that of the first day, complaints regarding the management of the colony store and the inability of settlers to get due returns for their labor being supported by the evidence of several witnesses. The chief testimony, however, was that supplied by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, who as Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in the Hearst government, formulated the soldier settlement policy, the first of its kind attempted by any province. Mr. Ferguson said that he was responsible for the site. With the Deputy Minister of Lands and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture he had chosen the location because of the excellent character of the soil there in the heart of the clay belt.