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I shall take the earliest opportunity of addressing you at the various centres of population throughout the Electorate, when I will place before you my views on the Political Questions of the Day.

In my opinion the most important of these is that connected with the distribution and settlement of land. It is in this direction that we must look for a satisfactory solution of the difficulties that have arisen with regard to the employment of the people. Here, as elsewhere, the social problem of the time is how to reconcile the two interests-Capital and Labour. The tendency of modern industrial methods has been to draw population from the country into the towns. This, added to the increasing attractiveness-educational, social, and otherwise-of town life, and the absence of opportunity for easy access to land, has led to the present position, and I think we should endeavour to remedy the evil by offering every inducement for widely diffused settlement.

I believe that the Land Question is in good hande, and that, although Mr M'Kenzie may not obtain all he asks for, still, if he continues to be supported by a good majority, there is every reason to believe that immense benefits will result to the country if his vigorous policy be carried into effect.

As I purpose, during my canvass of the district, dealing at length with this and other matters connected with the Government policy, I here content myself with saying that I appeal to your suffrages, and rely upon receiving your support as a member of a party whose aims are directed towards such legislation as will promote the well-being, prosperity, and contentment of the people of this Colony.

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