We want the West to be a land of homes and of the freest opportunity for . the establishment of families possessing inderendent means of livelihood. It is recognized that the very different conditions of the plains and mountain areas, compel many modifications of the policies that have served so well in other parts of the country. Those modifications are being wrought out gradually, with a view to promoting here that wide diversification of industries and occupations which is invited by your variety of resources, and which is the ideal state of a modern society. It is not desirable that the West should fall into the hands of