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REAL ESTATE AND AGRICULTURE

The Hon. Dr. Young, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education in the Executive Council of the Government of British Columbia, gave expression to a timely note of warning in a speech made in connection with the inauguration function of the city of Port Coquitlam this month. Speaking at the banquet in the evening, when a number of public men were entertained by the new city council, the Minister of Education emphasized the need for the people of new municipalities not letting all their energies be devoted to the exploitation or sale of thirty-three foot lots, however necessary and worthy such work might be, and he counselled the giving of more and more attention to the development of the wealth of the land.

The Provincial Secretary need not be misunderstood as in any way "knocking" Coquitlam or any other municipality or district in the neighborhood of Vancouver. He only sounded what was unquestionably a wise and statesmanlike note when he pointed out the vital importance to a community and a country of the development of the natural resources of the land. In the last issue it is only by the clearing and cultivating of a country's acres that the "lots" of any city can be assured of increasing value.

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

According to the original suggestions or announcements, it was hoped that the University of British Columbia would be organized so that work would be begun in the fall of this year, 1913; but with the advent on the ground of Dr. F. F. Wesbrook, the gentleman recently appointed President, we are now given to understand that the institution is not likely to be open till about a couple of years later.

While regret may be expressed that the forecast made as to the time of beginning of class-work has proved so much amiss, not many