

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH IN CANADA.

To the Members of the Royal Canadian Institute.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Before proceeding with the subject which I have chosen for my inaugural address, namely, Industrial Research in Canada, I must first of all express to you my appreciation of the high honour you have conferred upon me in electing me to be your President for the coming year. Owing to limitations imposed upon my time I may not be able to preside at as many of your weekly meetings as a proper fulfilment of my duties demands, but if I fail in this regard, I know that my deficiencies will be met by the kind and generous co-operation of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. Murray Clark and Dr. A. C. McKay, Principal of the first Technical Institute of Canada, which has been inaugurated recently with such marked success, and which, with good warrant, is a source of great pride to us all. In the second place I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to our past President, Mr. Frank Arnoldi, K.C., our sincere appreciation of his services in emphasizing the importance of the functions of the Royal Canadian Institute in our midst, in inaugurating a Bureau of Industrial Research in connection with our organisation, and in stimulating and promoting with zeal and patient determination the consideration of matters connected with the subject of Industrial Research.

I also wish on this occasion to give expression to the sense of loss we all feel in the death of Dr. George Kennedy, which took place in June last. For two years he was President of the Royal Canadian Institute, and for thirty years he was the editor of its Transactions. He attended the Saturday evening lectures perhaps more regularly than any other existing member of our organisation and he took an unflinching and helpful interest in everything which had to do with the welfare of the Society. He devoted all his hours of recreation to science and the works of philanthropy, and on passing away made provision for promoting both of these objects, the Institute itself being one of his beneficiaries. The memory of his presence with us is one that we shall always cherish, and the purity of his aims and the single mindedness with which he regulated the conduct of his life will long serve as a model for us all.