

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION FOR COMMERCE

I suggest to you, gentlemen, that such a course would have not only a great cultural value but would equip a man with fundamental knowledge and sound methods of thought for a commercial career.

May I point out that last year, for the first time, the dollar value of the manufacturing production of Manitoba exceeded that of the farming? This year the same result is expected but with a greater difference. In other words, Manitoba is becoming industrialized. The provincial government expends a large sum annually on an agricultural college; surely, with the manufacturing production exceeding that of agriculture, commercial men are entitled to ask that the government should spend an equal sum on a school or faculty of commerce for its university.

We know that there is a great future for Canada. We have only to hold what we have and in two generations, by weight of population and wealth, Canada will be the dominant partner of the British Commonwealth. A hard climate means a strong national character, with good foresight, and it is character that counts. Canada looks out over two oceans—the Atlantic and the Pacific. Because of her layout she is forced to look east and west and north, and is prevented from being self-contained and selfish. We cannot have a narrow outlook; we must be broad. All of this is preparing Canada for her great future.

We should do all in our power to fit our young men so that they can build up the commerce and industry of Canada on a sound basis. The day of the specialist is here, and men nowadays need a special course of training for commerce just as they do for law or medicine. We must make it possible for young men to work in every direction to make Canada prosperous, so that she may live and grow and be strong and be capable of her great destiny, which is to lead the British Commonwealth, and that means leading the world.

MONTREAL COURSE ATTRACTS LARGE NUMBERS

THE number of enrolments in the course arranged in Montreal through the co-operation of the Canadian Society of Cost Accountants, Chartered Institute of Secretaries, McGill University and the Montreal Board of Trade, has exceeded expectations, according to J. Stanley Cook, secretary of the Board of Trade. Originally, he explained, they only arranged to take 100 students for the first season but the number has swelled to nearly 200 while the admission of 35 has had to be regretfully declined on the score that the lectures having begun they would be unable to keep pace with the classes. Those who have enrolled are making 100 per cent. attendances and a feature of the courses which are conducted entirely in English, is that some 40 French Canadians have joined.

Already, Mr. Cook said, so successful have been the classes, that the committee is considering the addition of several courses next season. At the present time, cost accounting and factory organization, and commercial law and commercial arithmetic, is taught in the Mechanics Institute and commercial correspondence will be introduced in January. Bookkeeping and partnership and manufacturing accounting, are the titles of the lectures in the Arts Building of McGill.