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petent critic has assured me that the pageants were superior to those of Oxford a year ago.

"I have always been proud of being a Canadian, and of the splendid British traditions and achievements of which we are the inheritors, but at Quebec I had it brought home to me, as never before, that Canada has behind her French traditions and achievements as well as British, and of these also we have the right to be proud."

—H. C. Henderson.

"I am quite in sympathy with your article in last REVIEW on "Utility." The coming farmer must be a well-developed, broad-minded, intellectual person, capable of keen enjoyment in mental exercise. But it seems to me that a close and sympathetic relation to country environment must be spread through the training of his youth. I think no one more cordially than myself believes in the disciplinary power of the higher learning, no one would diffuse it and its influence more widely; but in so doing I would deprecate any tendency to swing the masses of our people out of touch with country life. The doctrine that country life has nothing but drudgery, labour and poverty of enjoyment is pernicious. There might have been a good deal of truth in such statements, say, fifty years ago, but in these days of scientific knowledge, of cheap machinery of all kinds, it certainly need not all be true.

"Culture for the many would be my motto, culture and contentment in work and place where the bulk of the people on whom rests the nation's stability must ever be found."

—R. P. Steeves.

It has finally been decided to make Dalgety the capital of the Australian Commonwealth. The time of the parliament at its recent lengthy session (not quite so long, however, as the late session at Ottawa) was largely devoted to the settlement of this vexed question. The forces of New South Wales were arrayed against Dalgety, and Caberra was proposed as a substitute, but without success. Dalgety is at present only a village with a few score of houses, some stores, a church, a school and post office. It is finely situated near a grassy undulating plain in the region of the clear perennial water of Snowy River, and bids fair to become, like Ottawa, an industrial and commercial, as well as a political centre.

### Summer School at Truro.

The Nova Scotia Summer School of Science at Truro this year, under the auspices of the Agricultural College and the Normal School, closed on the 13th of August with an examination on the work of the session.

Probably no other summer school ever took its work more seriously. The printed time-table announced lectures, field work and laboratory work from 8.30 a. m. to 12, 1.30 p. m. to 5.30, and 7.30 to 8.30 p. m. daily, except Saturday afternoons, and it was carried out to the letter from the day after the opening until the close of the session. The students, without exception, declared that they had thoroughly enjoyed the work, even if it was rather strenuous, and that they believed it would enable them to teach more efficiently. One object kept in view in almost every lecture was to show how the truths developed or investigated might be used educatively in the public school. To make children investigators of their environment, instead of stuffing their memories with facts about it, was illustrated and emphasized constantly.

The school opened on the 14th of July in the biological room of the Agricultural College. Principal Cumming welcomed the students, outlined the purposes of the school, and introduced the instructors, each of whom made his bow and briefly touched on the work he proposed to take up. Dr. Soloan, in a stimulating address, congratulated the students on their prospective opportunities, and emphasized the value of the course in physical drill to be conducted by officers of the militia department. Principal Cumming was assisted in the organization of the school by Mr. J. Dearness, M. A., who has had a good deal of experience in summer school work. The former gave the lectures and demonstrations in farm and animal husbandry, and the latter those on the principles of nature study, general biology and botany. During the absence of Principal Cumming, whose duties as secretary of agriculture took him to Halifax part of the time, Mr. Dearness acted as vice-principal. Mr. L. C. Harlow, B. Sc., B. S. A., had chemistry, geology, birds and insects; Mr. P. J. Shaw, B. A., school gardening and horticulture; Mr. J. A. Benoit, B. A., physics; Mr. F. G. Matthews the correlated wood-work, drawing and colour-work; Sergeant Armitage, physical drill. Besides these regular lectures there were evening lectures on technical and popular subjects.

Among the visitors were Inspector Campbell,