

remember that our purpose is to build up Canada, and to prosper only as it may be possible to prosper having this in view.

Doubtless there are now, and will be from time to time, interests which are not prospering or which seem to be asked to bear too much for the supposed general good. When such occurs there cannot be too much frank discussion, nor is any effort at justice too great to attempt. It is not always easy to ascertain the greatest good consistent with the determination to upbuild Canada, but that is what we should try to accomplish.

I do not know whether I am expected to say anything about banking. Usually our banking system is the subject of much not very intelligent praise, and just now it is being just as unintelligently abused. If the bankers are allowed to present their views at Ottawa, as has been the practice in the past at the decennial revisions of the Act, they will doubtless give a sufficient account of themselves. At the moment one would suppose, from some of the newspapers, that all the banks were one industrial organism, responsible together for whatever happens to any one bank. This is particularly absurd. What have we to do with the conditions under which such a body as the Farmers Bank comes into existence? We can neither control nor influence its creation, nor to any extent its behaviour during its existence. Frankly, bankers do not know of any way in which to stop shareholders from subscribing to stock in a venture which eminently requires caution, experience and moderate expectation as to profit in the early years