

Mr. J. C. Garden,—

I would like to move a vote of thanks to Mr. James for the excellent paper he has given us to-night. Mr. James has expressed himself as being pleased that he has had the opportunity of spending the evening with us. I hope that the pleasure has been such that it will induce him before long to spend another evening with us, as I feel I am voicing the sentiment of every gentleman present when I say that the evening has been one of the most pleasant in the history of the Club.

Mr. Acton Burrows,—

I have very much pleasure in seconding that motion. I do not wish Mr. James to think from what I said I intended to reflect on the Ontario school system. I think it is a good system. When I came here from Manitoba I was prejudiced against the public school system. I felt I could give my son a good education and sent him to a private school for a year, but I soon saw he was not learning as he should and he was lamentably backward in arithmetic. I know if he had been sent to Mr. Duguid he would not have passed the examination. I took him away from the private school and sent him to the Huron Street public school and after that sent him to the Model school. Before he was at the model school long he was a changed boy. He got along well and passed the entrance examination for the Harbord Collegiate Institute, getting the largest number of marks of any pupil from the Model school. He took manual training at the Model School and thereby learned many useful things. His taking manual training did not prevent him doing well in mathematics, and he was not burdened down with home-work either. He had plenty of time for play. I believe the average boy can carry out a reasonable amount of manual training and not neglect his mathematics.

It has been a great pleasure to all of us to have listened to Mr. James and I think it is a good thing for the officials of the Government to meet the public. I hope we may have the pleasure in having Mr. James with us again at some future date.

Chairman,—

I have much pleasure on behalf of the Central Railway and Engineering Club of Canada in extending this vote of thanks to Mr. James for coming here to-night and giving us such a fine paper.

Mr. Clarkson James,—

As I intimated before when I prepared my paper, I did