

ing new universities, Canadians must think for the future. It must be their aim to picture the probable nature of Canadian development and to establish each new university in such a manner that it will be able to supply education under the most favourable circumstances to the future generations of Canadians whom it is intended to instruct.

The new universities in the North of England—at Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham—have been established to deal with conditions already existing. They were founded to bring higher education, and more complete instruction in technical arts, to the massed populations of these great commercial cities. It was consequently necessary that these institutions should be placed in the centre of the cities, within easy reach of the populations they are intended to serve. In Canada, the conditions are quite different; in choosing the site for a new university the comparatively small populations already living in towns should not be considered so much as the enormously greater numbers of Canadians who will inhabit, within a generation, a portion of the Canadian lands at present unpeopled.

In approaching the question, two broad facts stand out largely; they obtrude themselves for consideration before any of the less general points which bear upon the question. The first of them is—Canada is at present, and always will be, mainly an agricultural country; the second is, that a town-living race tends to deteriorate physically.

At the present moment the value of Canada's agricultural products exceeds the total value of the products of her mines, of her fisheries, of her forests, and, if the value of the raw material be subtracted, of her manufactures in addition; also, 62 per cent. of the total population of Canada live in the country. Canada will always remain an agricultural country. The largest part of her wealth will always be derived from the products of the soil and the greatest number of her population will always be tillers of the earth, stock-raisers or foresters. The old days of hap-hazard husbandry have gone. A new era has commenced in which it is recog-