

next January. He would like to inform them that probably the January paper to be read to the Society would be contributed by the Statistician of the Commonwealth of Australia, Mr. G. H. Knibbs. As had been mentioned by Sir Alfred Bateman, they hoped to have an opportunity of meeting many of their fellow statisticians from different portions of the Empire, and to enter with them into closer personal relations. He trusted that on that occasion they would have the opportunity of conveying personally to Mr. Godfrey some of the thanks which they now desired to tender to him.

The vote of thanks was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

SIR HENRY REW, in reply, said, as representing Mr. Godfrey, he ought, perhaps, for the moment, to express on his behalf his thanks for the vote of thanks, and, in accordance with the usual practice, any remarks made in the discussion would be communicated to Mr. Godfrey, and if he had any observations to add in the light of the discussion, he would have the opportunity of doing so in the *Journal*.

*Note by Mr. Godfrey.*

HAVING read with much interest the discussion following the reading of my Paper by Sir Henry Rew, there appear to be only three points that call for remarks in reply.

I should like to emphasize what Sir Alfred Bateman stated with regard to statistical co-operation between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. The state of things resulting in divergent figures has, it is believed, entirely passed away, and there is now for practically all the more important classes of statistics a close and harmonious co-operation. For the last two years, especially, the annual agricultural statistics of Canada have been collected jointly by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and the resulting estimates of crop areas and yields, and of the numbers of farm livestock, have been published in identical figures by both sets of authorities. The first annual report of the Dominion statistician, just published, describes in detail the origin, purpose and organization of the new Dominion Bureau of Statistics and its work in co-ordinating the official statistics of Canada.

As mentioned by Dr. Parkin, the question of increase in the capital values of land, &c., was not included in the Paper, there being no direct official statistics on the subject sufficiently complete in character. Estimates have, however, been made of the total wealth of the Dominion, and such might well form the subject of a separate Paper. In an article on "The Wealth of Canada and 'other Nations,'" appearing in the *Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association* for October, 1919, Mr. R. H. Coats, F.S.S., estimates the present total wealth of the Dominion at about 3,012,000,000.

With regard to the question raised by the President as to secondary and higher education, the statistics of secondary grades are not