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I am weary of professors, ideals and "blat" as our old friend Sam Clark used to remark. A life time of thinking in terms of dollars had blunted the finer sensibilities perhaps - I am weary of phrases and weary of an atmosphere of high moral thought. It is too rarified for common mortals like myself. It is a relief to hear Currie curse occasionally.

I enclose the Constitution which has received our approval. Sir Arthur says it is loose, but that a constitution should be loose so as to have scope. We are to form in Canada a national association. Your brother Charles is drafting it - branches are to be formed in all large centres. An earnest and enthusiastic young professor from Toronto thinks that from these centres we will radiate the higher thought that will lead the Canadian people to think internationally - personally "I am agin it" - the practical benefit that would ensue from thinking nationally seems to me to me more important. The lady in Dickens's "Bleak House" who neglected her husband and family while she worked for the natives on the east bank of the Ganges never received my enthusiastic admiration - We also have much to do at home to develop Canadians in a scattered population of many races. Research work is another phrase often on our lips - not research that will develop our resources, furnish work and opportunity to our people, increase their material welfare and happiness - find a broader market for their products. ~~No~~ research is to be confined to bright active ~~minds~~ young minds ~~which~~ ~~who~~ are in their fourth university year, under the direction of their professors and so far as I can learn will be a fruitful course for the more or less philosophical treatises of immature minds which will be printed and distributed and no one but themselves will read. You will note the constitution provides for a strict budgetting of disbursements, but is vague on the question of revenue. This is characteristic - personally I have been trained to be certain of a dollar first and budget after - what a handicap is a material training!

The press has been excluded from what we term our round table conferences and some of the forums we hold in the evenings. As a consequence they have cooked up their own despatches, sometimes more interesting from the readers standpoint than the actual facts. I prefer these more imaginative sketches myself. The exclusion of the press has encouraged a lot of loose talk - often based as little on fact as the newspaper reports, the latter, however, has disturbed the delegates who are imbued with the idea that a listening world is reading avidly the proceedings and conclusions reached and is impressed with their importance. The listening world is, in the meantime, buried in the comic sections or absorbed in the details of the Dempsey-Sharkey fight.