

means of our postal and telegraph system the remotest part of the Dominion has easy and quick communication with the great commercial centres.

We drill annually for the defence of the country 45,000 of the bravest of our sons. We have established several military schools for the better education of our people in the art of war, and we have erected 10,480 churches as a counterpoise in which upon every Lord's Day is proclaimed the gospel of peace.

We have built 16,154 Public Schools, 14 Universities, 41 Colleges and over 300 High Schools, and expend annually about \$12,000,000 to prepare 1,000,000 boys and girls for future citizenship. We endeavor to inform ourselves as to the world's doings by means of 75 daily newspapers, 8 tri-weeklies, 14 semi-weeklies, 587 weeklies, 17 semi-monthly magazines, 147 monthlies, and 4 quarterly, in all 852 journals of varied politics and modes of thought. We sharpen our intellects upon 3,000,000 volumes from our Public Libraries, and we import annually for literary purposes \$1,208,506 worth of books and stationery.

We may discount our promissory notes (when we can find an endorser) in 39 different banks, having a paid up capital of \$69,009,346. How much of that capital belongs to the journalist is not for me to say.

This brief summary of the efforts made for the development of the country, commercially and educationally, is unmistakable testimony of Canadian energy. What if we have not yet subdued all our waste land and peopled every acre of our illimitable prairies ! What if we have not delved into every hillside for the mineral treasures which it contains, who but the veriest pessim-