

Do you wonder I have found it difficult to decide what it might be best for me to speak about this afternoon? I know, of course, that we are met together under the auspices of the Waterloo County Federation of Agriculture. No doubt there are those who may feel that for this reason, I should say something about farming. But I am too wise for that. So far as Agriculture is concerned, I have come here to learn, not to teach, or to preach. I know that nowhere in Canada will be found a finer agricultural community than right here in Waterloo County. I know, too, that, nowhere in Canada, will be found a more prosperous industrial community.

I can vouch for all this because I was born in this County. It was here I received the beginning of my education. It was from this County I went to Toronto to enter the University as an undergraduate. This step led to postgraduate studies in other countries. It was as Member for North Waterloo that I entered Parliament. And it was while Member for North Waterloo that I first became a Minister of the Crown. Each of these successive steps afforded larger opportunities, and gained for me, I trust, a wider vision.