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Mr. Principal, Ladies and Gentlemen :—The very interesting proceedings with which the work of McGill Normal School is terminated each year are especially gratifying to me as Superintendent of Education in this Province. For reasons that are quite obvious to all, my knowledge of the actual conditions of the schools of the majority, of the difficulties under which these schools labour and of the progress they are making is fuller than it is of the matters connected with the education of the minority. When, however, I come to the Normal School and actually see the large number of young people who after careful training are going out to teach the youth of our land, and when I hear the inspiring addresses delivered here, I realize more strongly than ever that, though separated educationally on national and religious lines, our ideals are practically identical, our efforts tend in the same direction, and our methods differ but little. If we may judge from the usual indications, more popular interest has been taken in this Province during the past few years in educational matters than ever before. Out of the dissatisfaction that really expresses a desire for better things, has arisen a clearer idea in the popular mind, let us hope, that after all the school is what the

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