

On the whole, the Provincial University at Edmonton has achieved signal success. Already it has afforded an excellent opportunity for the Affiliated Theological College in preparing recruits for the ministry in an efficient way before entering the study of theology. Those who intend to enter the professions of law, medicine, teaching, science, etc., will receive here a training second to none.

It is not a bad sign, it is a good omen to see the keenness with which the north and south vied in desiring a university. It shows that in a land of untold material wealth, where to no small degree the emphasis is being placed upon the mere accumulation of money, and where the standard of success is very largely the amount of things a man may gather together in his lifetime, that there are among the most enterprising and loyal citizens a very large number who recognize the true value of higher education, and what it means to the best citizenship of our country.

Although the people of Calgary are somewhat jealous of Edmonton's having both the seat of Parliament, and the Provincial University, it would be altogether unfair and narrow-minded to say that those of the south in desiring a university of their own are actuated by mere jealousy and littleness.

As the newspaper previously quoted puts it, "It is determined that Calgary shall be not merely a commercial city, but a community where the things of the mind and spirit shall be given their true place and value." Still, in the writer's opinion, it seems a pity that north and south cannot be got together in greater unity, to strengthen the hands of those who have the success of the Provincial University

at heart, and to build an institution of which every citizen in Alberta may be proud, because of its being a university belonging to the people. That there will be need of a university in the coming years in Calgary there is little doubt, but the starting of one there at the present time when the Provincial University is still in its infancy seems altogether premature. Why not make a first-class institution at the capital and establish in other cities colleges leading up to the greater seat of learning? It looks as if the people of Saskatchewan are going to do this, and that British Columbians are going to follow suit.

Edmonton has been spoken of as the city which dominates the north, but in geographical situation it is more south than north. The Peace River country to the north is fast opening up, and within ten years a large population will have settled in that part of the country. Edmonton will then become the city of the centre. It should be the focal point of the interests of the entire province. It will not long be merely a city of commerce, but will become a city of industry and true culture, and it will shed its influence throughout the province. There will be a feeling of pride in the bosom of every loyal Albertan who comes to the capital of a province so rich in material wealth, and so full of promise and opportunity for higher education. The university must keep pace with other things. It is bound to succeed. It will not be built in a day. The road to higher education, both for those who seek such and for those who teach and control, is not and never will be a rose-strewn way. As in the realms of all higher life, there must be real effort and a genuine element of sacrifice.