

made shall be as moderate as possible. There will be one at Quebec, where we ourselves already have the commencement of a laboratory; one at Montreal, one at St. Hyacinthe, where our experiment station in connection with the College of St. Hyacinthe is situated; and one at Sherbrooke.

At these offices, the farmer will be able to get the artificial manures he buys tested. He can have the different soils of his farm analysed, and thus find out wherein they are defective.

The prospector in search of mines may send his samples there in order to know at once the value of his discovery.

By means of these easily accessible institutions, doubtless more than one farmer, who otherwise would never trouble himself to inquire into the composition of the mineral his plough has just happened to turn up, will find himself, perhaps, all at once the possessor of a property of very high value.

CONCLUSION.

I have said what I proposed to say, and I conclude by asking you all once more to give me every possible assistance throughout the province. Every one should do his part. Your hearty applause leads me to believe that you accept this programme so humbly presented to you. With your aid, coupled with the aid of the clergy and of all well disposed and progressive men, our farm-schools will soon overflow with pupils, there will be siloes all over the province, and all the factories will be syndicated.

When our schools shall be crowded, we will set about other establishments, we will address our good farmers, such farmers as those whom we are about to crown in the House as the laureates of the order of agricultural merit. They, too, can bring up pupils. In that so well farmed country, Scotland, there are no other farm-schools than the farms themselves.

My wish is that good farmers should be found all over our country. Who says "good farmer," says, almost invariably, in this our country, a good Christian, an example to the parish, a man at the head of all charitable works. It has been said of him more than once that, having always before his eyes the marvels of creation, the man of the fields remains good and virtuous, for from the soil there arises around him, as it were, the aroma of all the virtues. Providence gives him his bread in abundance day by day. He has no need to envy his neighbour, but of all men the most free, he depends solely on his God.

To support our courage, we can repeat to ourselves that there is very