

of the working classes for the sake of specialized knowledge which ninety-nine out of a hundred could never utilize. Games should be encouraged side by side with intellectual culture, and our educational efforts should aim at producing healthy developed men rather than mere instruments for the more effective production of wealth."

To the above the editor would add the statement that it has been found to be a fact that the recruits for the army in Great Britain are able to endure far greater fatigue than the recruits in France, where so much attention has been given to gymnastic exercises. Good use can be made of gymnasiums, but they can easily be abused.

THE annual meeting of the trustees, both for High Schools and Public Schools, was held last month in the city of Toronto. There was a good representation of the trustees of Ontario, though it was not large. The attention of the convention was chiefly occupied by two questions: the retention of the Fifth Book class in the Public Schools, and how to get more financial support for the High Schools. Many of the trustees present urged strongly that the Public School should furnish such an education as would fairly equip a lad for the discharge of his duties as a citizen: that this is the proper function of the Public School.

The basis upon which our schools rest is that they are so officered as to supply to every child the opportunity of securing such an educational equipment as would prepare him for the work of life. If any one wishes to take advantage of a more liberal education, such as the High School is designed to afford, the recipient thereof must show his appreciation of the boon by contributing adequately to the maintenance of such schools. The only argument of

any weight on the other side was, the amount of money which can be saved the country by compelling all who wish to read further than the Fourth Book in the Public School to attend the High School. To meet this want some propose the establishment of a higher class of English schools in which fees are charged.

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Is Canada ready for an association in which, for all practical purposes, the whole of her teaching power would be represented? It would be of great advantage to the cause of education, to the country, to have a gathering of the educators of the millions of our Canada—the first-born kingdom of the Empire. The result could only be beneficial to all personally interested.

Though we have a country 600,000 square miles larger than the United States of America—our only neighbour, without Alaska, and 18,000 square miles larger than the United States of America with Alaska, still we can now cross through its whole length on steel rails, have the advantages of the best railway service in the world, the result of Canadian enterprise and pluck. And all this in Canada, which, it was the fashion, a few years since, to represent on maps as a thin strip along the northern boundary of the United States of America. Egregious folly! It would be an inspiration and an omen for good to Canada, to have at a meeting of our "Army," Sir Daniel Wilson, of Toronto University; Sir Wm. Dawson, of McGill, Montreal; the Very Rev. Principal Grant, Queen's University, Kingston; Rev. Principal Burwash, Victoria University; the Rev. Provost Body, Trinity, Toronto; Principal Harrison, University of New Brunswick; Principal Frost, of Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia, the professors of these institutions of learning, as well as inspectors,