

For the evening session, the local committee of Waterloo, in whose favour nothing but the highest encomiums can be written, a programme of music and readings had been prepared. Those who took part in the programme, were members of the Waterloo orchestra, Dr. Maclean, Professor Andrews and Mr. Hubbard. During the early part of the evening, Mr. Sydney Fisher, M. P., delivered his inaugural address as President. He felt the high honor done him by his election to preside over the most critical and cultured body of the Province of Quebec. Looking over the country he found only the professional class an educated one: in the House of Commons there are men representing all professions, not a few of them teachers, among them Professor Foster, Mr. Weldon and Hon. G. W. Ross. It is the professional men who impress the House with the fact that they are highly educated, and the reason for this is that the whole course of education trains people to be professional men, and only professionals, and not manufacturers or farmers; when a young man goes to the university, he finds faculties of medicine, theology, law and science, but none to teach him agriculture or the higher commercial principles. This was bad and wrong. Men were wanted in a young country who would make their scientific education tell in the walks of life that are not crowded, and where their brightest energies and best intellects would have an abundant reward. For ten years, Canada has been trying to build up her manufactories, but the government has done nothing to train young men to the higher class of mechanical work. Schools are needed where they can study the principles which lie at the base of that development. Something has been done in Montreal in technical education, yet the system which needs such a night-school deserves nothing but condemnation. These things should be taught in the elementary schools. In England, these schools are springing up, and it is by means of those that the country will eventually conquer in the keen fight and competition with continental people. The eye and hand should be trained to make a man quick and capable, as well as to make the brain alert. The men who play lacrosse and cricket train their hands and eyes, and it is from these fields the great men are recruited. Why should the state aid to educate lawyers and medical men, and not traders, manufacturers and farmers? These, in all fairness,