

he continued, our school-boys may fall short of the French and German in some respects and of the English in others, but in meeting practical emergencies "they act like men". "There is something in Canadian education," he said, "which gives a man power of dealing effectively with new and difficult circumstances, whether alone or in comradeship with others."

If this be true, - and I believe it is true, - the importance of education in Canada and of Canadian education in the world is greater to-day than it has ever been before. For surely, to-day as never before we are face to face with "new and difficult circumstances". We are in a world of vast unrest, a world where the cross-currents of the minds of men stir whirlpools of unguided force

that threaten to engulf and destroy rather than to create. In our world, true liberty is in danger of being crucified on the cross of false desire or false appeal, and true peace is in danger of being slain on the altar of international or inter-class jealousy and envy and hate and distrust. All around us we hear the murmurs of a troubled time. There are special appeals to the judgment and poise and tolerance of the Canadian people. Agricultural difficulties, agitations of miners, angry demonstrations by or in behalf of the unemployed, wild and whirling words uttered or written by those who call themselves Communists, - these and other occurrences are putting our country, like the rest of the world, on trial. And men are asking, Will our country emerge with the intelligent understanding of the grievances and demands of sections of our population, and, at the same time, retain their faith in the steadfastness of the mass of our citizens, and in the fitness of our political institutions to meet each great need as it arises?