

societies which are scattered over the land machinery with which to produce the results aimed at. These societies, so far as I am aware, set forth as their main object just such principles as would be considered most desirable by anyone having a true appreciation of Scottish character. There are still a number of Caledonian societies with us; there are more St. Andrew societies, and the local camps of the Sons of Scotland are still more numerous in the land. There are also Gaelic societies, Clan societies, and societies which confine themselves to the special interests of the Scottish counties whence their membership has been derived. Here indeed, there is no lack of machinery, yet it seems to me that in a practical age, when combination is a conspicuous feature in every day life, our numerous Scottish societies in Canada might have done more than they have done to improve their organization. At the present they work as separate units, or practically so, each unit having its own special object in view, in many cases regardless of or unaware of the kindred interests of its neighbors. Taking your own city of Montreal as an example, although here I, a stranger, must tread warily, you have the Caledonian Society, St. Andrew Society, two branches of the Sons of Scotland, two branches of the Scottish Clans, and a Celtic Society—perhaps more. With all these the Scottish element in Montreal must be well organized. No doubt there must be considerable over-lapping in the membership, but I am not aware that be-