

men and women of our country. The spirit, energy and ability of Canadians are the factors in our country's progress. The future is largely in the hands of the upholders of our commerce and for the strengthening of this class I would make a plea—to the universities—to the benefactors of universities, for attention to the great national want that exists and for the endowment that will be required. I have an unbounded confidence in the future of Canada, in the possibilities of its development and I know of nothing that can contribute as much towards the building up of our Dominion—towards the reaching of a commercial position of importance among trading nations—than the furnishing to our youth a commercial education.