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I wish to thank the Committee, Mr. Chairman, for inviting me to be present this evening.

I have always taken an interest in this school, and I believe that its usefulness will become more and more apparent. There is a wide field for its work, and its power for good under wise management cannot be over-estimated. There is urgent need of such a school in every large centre in this Province.

Our Public Schools (6,020 in number, including 340 Separate Schools) and High Schools (131) are rendering magnificent service to the State. We have every reason to be justly proud of our universities and of their work, they have each their own special spheres of influence. Our three Normal Schools and our Normal College, at Hamilton, fill an important gap, and they are alike indispensable.

Our Public Libraries (we have about 450 of them in the Province) and our Art Schools have also an important place in our educational equipment.

During the last year or two attention has been directed to "Manual Training," and "Household Science," and several important centres, I am glad to say, have, in a liberal way, undertaken this valuable educational work.