

THE RELATIONSHIP OF SCIENCE TO GOVERNMENT

Science may, perhaps, be defined as organized knowledge, and applied science may be described as knowledge organized for practical use in the affairs of men. In Canada, with the progress of scientific knowledge and the application of that knowledge throughout our history, we have been enabled to achieve that wonderful material progress which was celebrated so heartily throughout the whole Dominion on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. In those celebrations it was probably the case that our people did not sufficiently appreciate the basis of scientific knowledge on which their achievement rested, and it is well that the celebration of the centenary of a great Canadian University has afforded us the opportunity of paying tribute to the not too well recognized or remunerated class--those thinkers and transmuters of thought into action who have done so much to increase the productivity of our land, to overcome the difficulties of transportation and communication, and to advance the physical and intellectual welfare of our people. Scientific knowledge, as applied to life and its problems, is the foundation of organized society as it now exists, and if that scientific knowledge and its application in action could be wiped out from men's minds today, our organized societies would crumble into dust, human life would be reduced to its simplest terms and our great cities would pass away with the decline of the knowledge and equipment which makes

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