

applause. He said: Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to congratulate the directors of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, and the faculty as well, on the very beautiful illustration they have given us of what good sense, judgment and taste can do in providing suitable accommodation for instruction to the profession. I have not seen all within this building, but I have seen the greater part of it. In every detail considerate provision seems to have been made for the wants of the students, for their comfort, for their instruction, and in every other respect in which their advantages could have been anticipated. The College directors have shown great judgment and enterprise in embarking upon and engineering this building to completion. Of course to us not familiar with the details of the profession it is somewhat marvellous that the directors were in such a strong financial position. How they got \$16,000 to begin with, is what I cannot understand, when we consider the difficulties that we have in finding money for other things. Perhaps they had been anticipating a gold mining boom in British Columbia. (Laughter.) I am glad to see that they put the money to such good use. I might say here, if they have any money that they do not know what to do with we will be pleased to receive it. (Laughter.) I am glad to observe from Dean Willmott's paper the progressive and upward evolution of dentistry in Ontario. It seems to have made a suitable advance, and it shows that somebody with judgment and forethought must have managed the interests of the profession from its earliest history in Ontario, otherwise we would not have had such good results. As a member of the Ontario Legislature, I am delighted to know that the Legislature of this Province had the good sense to early trust the dentists of Ontario. There was a great deal of progressive spirit in the pioneer days; if there had not been, this great profession might have remained dormant, and we would not have seen this beautiful structure erected. It is what you might expect from the Legislature of Ontario, and also considering that I have taken so much pains, as Minister of Education, to train the people of this country, as well as Dr. Ryerson, who had worked so hard to lay the foundation so as to be able to give the people a good education. I am also pleased that the Royal College of Dental Surgeons have an ideal in regard to professional education. You have taken a high standard for matriculation in this profession. It is of first importance to the profession that young men should not be admitted if they have not reached the proper educational attainment. Professional success and skill cannot be obtained without the training of the mental faculties. When a student enters upon a professional career, unless he has had a literary career before he entered, it is almost impossible for him to obtain it after. I am glad for the honor of the profession that you have