

Conservation and Technical Education

blood. The man who knows little save his own task and his own field will show as much love of land as will the statesman who knows most about the affairs of his country. We have instinctive pride of race. That finds expression in many ways, and is well worth conserving. It is a man's privilege and duty to acquire an intelligent understanding of his nation and to nurture his patriotism by his knowledge. And when intelligent appreciation makes a man know the quality of life in the race of which he is proud, his patriotism makes him live for the service of its people. Intelligent understanding keeps the individual, and keeps the nation, secure in loyalty to the best things it stands for.

The two Commissions of which I am to speak were appointed to inquire into, consider and report upon, not some transient occurrence, but important matters that concern the wellbeing and prosperity of Canada. The stability of our nation rests upon a few fundamentals, and the nation is secure and strong so long as the best in those things are conserved---and no longer. Four main factors constitute the basis of our civilization and determine the direction and rate of our development:

Who we are;
What we have;
What we are doing; and
What we stand for.

The Commission of Conservation is concerned with enquiring into, considering and reporting upon what we have in natural resources; and the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education