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Scope and Nature of the Report of the Industrial Training and Technical Education Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen,—The program announces that I will make a brief statement of the scope and nature of the Report of the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education. That comes at this early stage of our proceedings because the recommendations of the Commission and some of the opinions it expresses are to be the themes for the round table conferences; and it was thought expedient that I should put into spoken form—more easily remembered for the occasion than from the pages of a book—a statement of the main lines of our enquiry and the main features of the recommendations of the Report.

I greet this gathering as a representative one, and am rather pleased than otherwise that it is not a big meeting in the popular sense of that phrase. Big gatherings and fine platform addresses are all right in their way; but this occasion is different. This is a conference of representatives of the greatest public interest and public service in this country—the educational work of the people of Canada for themselves. Nothing surpasses that. You might spend millions of money for the development of material