

of the river. During the summer, a series of four or five dams were constructed on Porcupine River to check the current and retain the water; so that much of the freight is taken in launches and "pointers" up the Porcupine River to Golden City by a very circuitous route; in preference to having it drawn over the soggy clay road, for a distance of only seven miles.

Many of the mines have extensive clearings, and several buildings in which from fifty to a hundred men are domiciled. At some of these clearings vegetables have been grown with great success. Although the season, from frost to frost is short, the soil is rich and the growth luxuriant. A telephone system reaches all the important points in the district, and connects with steel at Matheson. In all, an immense change has been wrought on the face of the country in the course of a few months, and from present indications the coming spring will witness a very well opened-up area in and around this, at present, phenomenal gold camp.—W. L. U.

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of the Journal.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the editorial in the last number of the Journal, entitled "Multiplication of Societies," I should like to point out the danger of creating a wrong impression in the minds of many students who are just entering into the life of Queen's. The writer of the editorial claims that "there is an insignificant amount of time and energy left for lectures," because of the presence of numerous organizations. The time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. has been carefully preserved for lectures, surely the insignificant remainder is not too much for that intercourse of the students in their organizations which is one of the most valuable factors in University life.

Granting that the multiplicity of organizations is the result of our democratic spirit, altho' other universities, of which that spirit is not so characteristic, have at least an equal number of student organizations—we believe that this result is natural, and scarcely to be deplored.

The writer insists that "there are many societies which perform almost identical functions," and quotes as an example the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Q.U.M.A. and Q.T.S. Surely his judgment of the work of these societies cannot be competent, for on his own admission he is not a member of any of them.

I happen to be a member of three of the above-mentioned societies and find that their work does not overlap. These societies have this in common, that they deal with the religious life of the students, and altho' there is room for closer federation, each is performing a distinct work, and amalgamation would be impossible.

It is by entering into the life and work of these organizations that a student acquires what will be of the greatest value in his university course. A sensible student does not attempt to take an active interest in every society. But the very multiplicity of organizations gives him the opportunity to choose those which will make for his own realization, and the service of his fellows.—Very sincerely, A. D. Cornett.