

means first of all, with efficiency. I would begin by utilizing what you have now as far as possible; by organizing what you have now so as to get the best possible results out of it. You have a department of Nature Study in connection with the Normal School. You have a department of Horticulture in this province with a professor at the head of it. You have a department of Agricultural Chemistry and Physics at the Normal School, with a graduate of Cornell University at its head. You have departments of English and Mathematics in connection with the Normal School. So that all you need more to make a well equipped college is a department of Agriculture and Live Stock and a Superintendent of Illustration and Research Work. With these departments you could have a college of agriculture which would serve Nova Scotia as well at a cost of \$15,000 a year as the Agricultural College at Guelph now serves the province of Ontario at a cost of \$60,000 a year for maintenance. I estimate that by using what you have now in buildings, premises, equipment and men, your capital expenditure need not exceed \$25,000 to give you a service as good for Nova Scotia as Ontario gets from a capital expenditure of over \$500,000. Then by adding \$5,000, which should be a mere bagatelle to this people for education, in order to increase the size of your buildings, you would be able to provide accommodation, which is not costly, for students from the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The staff of teachers would not cost any more, and if you could render that service to the neighboring provinces for the interest on \$5,000, is it not worth while to do it? A small charge for fees to their students might be made, and the revenue would meet the interest on the increased cost of \$5,000. Then you would be doing the fair thing by your own people and the generous thing by the people of the neighboring provinces.

Now if this Government or this Legislature will further appropriate the sum of \$30 000, or better still, \$2,000 per county, to help the people to build a few of the first consolidated rural schools in every county in the province, that will further help education for the improvement of agriculture, and you will have a scheme that will not only please the people but will help all the people.

By some such means the many factors and forces available for the improvement and advancement of education and agriculture in Nova Scotia could be organized for effective use. You will have a more generous sentiment in favor of education among the common people. You will have an enthusiasm for education, which must sustain the spirit and vitality of any system. As the people themselves perceive the benefit of it for themselves, they will enter upon a new era of real progress—progress that comes from the triumphs of intelligence, ability and co-operation. If this province will lead