

ing, to profitable husbandry, therefore the ex-students are directly benefited.

Why is it, I ask, that we receive thousands of immigrants from Europe? Is it because of the immense wealth which lies buried in our northern districts? Is it because of the vast extent of our forests? or is it because our waters are teeming with fish? Only to a very limited extent. These are not the things of which we vainly boast, but that our land lies broad and free, from the storm-lashed coast of Newfoundland to the Pacific Ocean on the west, from the vine-clad hills of Niagara to the golden sands of the Yukon.

A land enjoying almost unrestricted liberty, and a land which holds out due reward to the honest toiler, and a promise to the willing worker that his days of age and decline will be brightened with peace and plenty. In all parts of this land you will find scattered ex-students of the O. A. C. Hundreds of them are engaged in farming and fruit growing in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Many are ranching in the North-West, and a few are seeking the yellow nuggets in the Klondike.

I would not be doing my duty, however, did I fail to mention the ex-students who have been so successful in the various American institutions of learning. This must be particularly gratifying to the older members of the staff, and inspiring to the present student body.

There is one thing, however, which I much regret, and in speaking of this I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of our distinguished visitor, and that is that so few of our ex-students have taken an active part in the government of the country. I hope to see the day when many more farmers and ex-students will occupy seats in both houses of Parliament.

In conclusion, Mr. President and gentlemen, allow me, on behalf of the ex-students, to congratulate you on the marked ability shown to-day in conducting your sports, and to thank you sincerely for the honor you have done them in the drinking of this toast to their health.