

College. It will not controvert the B. N. A. Act if the Dominion Government expend the \$4,000,000 as proposed. The U. S. Congress is considering the wisdom of expending \$8,000,000 more a year on Technical Education. They know its importance and so do we. Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen, the illiteracy in this country is not pleasant to contemplate.

Illiteracy in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Look at the records and know that in 1904 New Brunswick only paid \$1.89 per head for education against Ontario's \$2.31; also the 1911 census shows us that Ontario with a population of 2,300,000 had only 28,700 who could not write, and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with a population of 790,000 had 28,800 not able to write.

In some of the German provinces you do not find one illiterate. You find them in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia by the hundred. In New Brunswick it is not at all uncommon to find men and women who cannot write their names.

Our Duty to the Mechanic and Farmer.

Mr. Speaker, we owe a great and serious duty to the mechanic, the miner, the fisherman, the farmer, the lumberman. For nearly 100 years we have turned our back upon him and thought only of the professions, the college and university.

That system must change. In the interests of Canada we must expend freely to give these five classes of workers all the education they can afford to take. For years these farmers, these laborers have worked in their fields, on the roads. Today in New Brunswick they are but little better off than they were 30 years ago. If the Agricultural Committee's report of 1909 be correct, they are going behind, compared with Ontario. In the meantime the towns and cities have prospered.

The future of this province, of this country, depends on successful agriculture and manufacture, and also on good soil and good raw material, together with well skilled workmen. For this last we need the best Technical Education. Without that, we fall behind in the race. With that we shall rapidly forge into the front rank as the great supplier of Europe's needs.