

are fortunate, in developing our country, that we start with a clean field, almost unencumbered by mistakes made by our predecessors; we need consider the future alone. It may almost be said that Canada has no past; consequently, there are almost no traditions and comparatively few interests to hamper her free development along the most favourable lines. Through thoughtful town-building, directed by carefully designed plans, and through the education of all the people in the principles of right-living, slums and the inevitable reflection of their misery in the customs of their inhabitants should never come to exist in Canada, as they do in the old world. In London alone, last year, there were no fewer than 123,000 destitute persons who received public charity. Many of these, or their parents, had come from the country to the city, and it is a fact that many of the poorest and most miserable of those inhabiting the slums of England's cities are country folk who have left their fields. An agricultural population is a nation's greatest strength. Canada must try to avoid the weakening from which Great Britain has suffered, through the drain of her agricultural population to the cities, by making the life of Canadians who live on the land more attractive to them. Education in good methods of farming, and research work by which better methods of farming have been discovered, have done much already to make a farmer's life a pleasant one in Canada; but more must be done than this. The status of a farmer must be held in greater appreciation than at present; every Canadian must learn to realize that a good farmer is a clever man, and that the oldest and most important profession on earth is still well worthy of being followed by the most competent men. Universities, in addition to giving instruction in arts and sciences, should be centres for the formation of tastes and of habits of thought. It is desirable that future generations of Canadians should not believe that a crowded city offers the most perfect way of living; it is necessary, therefore, that the universities which are to train Canadians should be so situated that their students may have an opportunity of becoming acquainted