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## A Glimpse at the Seamy Side of Our Democracy.

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The Canadian Club was addressed by Professor John MacNaughton, of Queen's University, who spoke upon "A Glimpse at the Seamy side of our Democracy."

"I am here to-day," said the speaker, "to talk with you as a Canadian to Canadians. I profess no political wisdom nor financial wisdom—just enough to pay my debts and keep out of jail. (Laughter). I represent no particular interests beyond those of the simplest and plainest Canadian desirous of honestly doing my part to make my country a more clean and wholesome country, to build earnestly and patriotically for my children and my children's children.

"I am not here to instruct. I am here to consult, to lay a case before you—a case which appeals for attention to all Canadian Clubs, a case which throws the light upon the seamy side of our Canadian democracy."

Proceeding the speaker detailed the history of a series of occurrences in a Canadian Military College and the method of their being dealt with, which, he maintained, was not creditable to Canada or Canadians. He urged that Canadian Clubs should interest themselves in all public matters where the justice and good name of their country was involved, and become "powers in the land for decency, righteousness and justice."