

Allow me, gentlemen, once more to thank you for your public spirited support in what I believe to be the cause of liberty, order, and good government, and therefore indisputably the cause of the people.

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ANSWER

*To the Address from the Township of Hastings.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my warmest thanks for your loyal address.

Your approval of my conduct is most welcome, and the generous sentiments which you express demand my gratitude.

I have earnestly endeavoured, and shall continue to endeavour, to carry on the administration of the affairs of this province according to the plan of responsible government which I have found practically established, and with good sense and moderation in all parties whose co-operation is necessary, I do not despair of success; but if there be any who suppose that the prerogative of the crown is to be surrendered, that the council is to be supreme, the authority of Her Majesty's government a nullity, and the Governor a mere tool in the hands of a party, all such are either blind or must be aiming at the separation of the province from the mother country.

While, however, the people of Canada are inspired with the loyal feelings which you express, the honour of the crown, the rights of the people, and the advantages we enjoy under the protection of the British empire will be preserved unimpaired, and by God's mercy may be handed down to your children's children from generation to generation.

May these and all other blessings be your portion. My heartfelt thankfulness will ever attend the remembrance of this occasion of meeting you.

THE END.