

## THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

His EXCELLENCY, who was very warmly received, said :—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you most cordially for the pleasant reception you have given to me on my return to Winnipeg, and for the words in which you have proposed my health and expressed a hope for the complete recovery of the Princess from the effects of that most unfortunate accident which took place at Ottawa. I know that the Canadian people will always remember that it was in sharing the duties incurred in their service that the Princess received injuries which have, I trust, only temporarily, so much impaired her health. (Applause.) Two years hence, the journey I have undertaken will be an easy one to accomplish throughout its length for all, while at present the facilities of railway and steam accommodation only suffice for half of it. For a Canadian official, knowledge of the North-West is indispensable. To be ignorant of the North-West is to be ignorant of the greater portion of our country. (Applause.) Hitherto I have observed that those who have seen it justly look down upon those who have not, with a kind of pitying contempt, which you may sometimes have observed that they who have got up earlier in the morning than others and seen some beautiful sunrise, assume towards the friends who have slept until the sun is high in the heavens. (Laughter.) Our track, though it led us far, only enabled us to see a very small portion of your heritage, now being made accessible. Had time permitted we should have explored the immense country which lies along the whole course of the wonderful Saskatchewan which, with its two gigantic branches, opens to steam navigation settlements of rapidly growing importance. As it was, we but touched the waters of the north and south branches, and striking south-westwards availed ourselves of the American railway lines in Montana for our return. It was most interesting to compare the southern mountains and prairies with our own, and not even the terrible events which have recently cast so deep a gloom upon our neighbors, as well as on ourselves, could prevent our kinsmen from showing that hospitality and courtesy which make a visit to their country so great a pleasure. (Loud applause.) I am the more glad to bear witness to this courtesy in the presence of the distinguished Consul of the United States, who is your guest this evening, and who, in this city, so honourably represents his country (applause) in nothing more than in this, that he has never misrepresented our own. (Loud applause.) Like almost all his compatriots who occupy by the suffrage of their people official positions, he has recognized that fact which is happily acknowledged by all of standing amongst ourselves, that the interests of the British Empire and those of the United States