

IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Eloquent Speech of His Excellency.

Great Enthusiasm—Loyal Sentiments.

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock, in accordance with previous arrangement, a public dinner was held at the Dredge Hotel, of the vast of his excellency's residence, to which the government, the members of the cabinet, the governors-general, and the heads of the various departments, followed him quickly, by his presence, to complete any extended preparation for his reception; and next the programme of festivities, which had been arranged for him to take part during the day, were well to be foreseen. While here, however, everything has been done to ensure the welfare of the people, and the expression of the same have been made to him as his representative in addressing those who have been present. His excellency, in his speech, has expressed his faith in the prosperity of the provinces both from its natural advantages and the certainty of a close union between this and the other provinces, and in imminent construction of the Canadian Pacific, which will link the governor-general's name and will return. Several matters intimately affect the welfare of British Columbia, and in this connection, the head of the board of trade is represented by his excellency to the Ottawa government, thus placing them directly before the executive, and perhaps by securing a more favorable political situation to them than could otherwise have been secured. Visions of government-general have in the past been few and far between, and though the great distance of miles between this "far west" and the eastern provinces most naturally set a barrier to frequent visits, still we can hardly conceive of a more important or present government more than once again during his present term of office, and accompanied, at least on one occasion, by his son, the Hon. Edward. Apart from the official duties of such visits and the fact that they undoubtedly unite us in a closer bond of union with the rest of the Dominion, travel by them in high places is a potent factor in effect upon the points where such meetings are directed, and thus conveys to a more general prosperity. His excellency is doing his best to secure a more favorable opinion of the country, but his people, who though all their grievances of the past were loyal and law abiding, and always anxious to give them every opportunity presented themselves. We echo the "assent" of every royal person to the community when he said with Lord Lansdowne and his sons, "We are bound for home and an early return to the Pacific province." — L.D.O.

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