

good wishes for you and yours in the future and my thanks and congratulations for your past political services to Canada since the day of your first election, twenty nine years ago, to represent Cumberland in the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia -

On that day, (being then the R.C. Clergyman stationed in Cumberland), I heard with pleasure your eloquent address, spoken from the platform erected outside of the Court House at Amherst: and since then I have followed your career as an able national Statesman, with ever increasing admiration -

I do not mean this to apply to each and every one of your political acts in detail; for some of them never came to my consideration, and with others I might not coincide, either on account of the teaching of my Church, or on account of ^{my} personal preference of other views - such as is constantly the case in a mixed population where each enjoys the freedom of his own opinion, and respects the similar right in his neighbour -

But my admiration is for the general aim and tendency and effect, of your whole course, which have been
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