

I have been so long and so often in communication, and of whom as he is present, I shall content myself with saying, that his attainments and position do no discredit to the name, and that this County may well be proud of such a trio. (Loud and continued cheers.)

*Speech of the Provincial Secretary, Hon. P. C. Hill:*

I quite concur in the sentiments expressed by the Principal of the Normal School in the opening portion of his address; It is on many accounts a practice worthy of adoption, that we should mark events of more than ordinary importance by ceremonies of more than ordinary impressiveness. In every aspect of life and in every nation such a rule is found in operation. Last week I had the good fortune to be, by mere accident, present in Boston on the occasion of a public official visit of the President of the United States and his Cabinet to that City, on the invitation of the State and Civic authorities; and in order to mark their sense of the importance of the event, both rulers and people gave their distinguished visitor a reception of almost regal splendor; such indeed as I have never witnessed anywhere except in London on the occasion when the Princess Alexandra made a public entry into the capital on the day previous to her marriage to the Prince of Wales. Five thousand men in the uniform of their respective regiments of militia turned out to receive the President at the Railway Station and to escort him to his Hotel; the streets were gaily decorated with flags and were thronged with a dense mass of people from all the surrounding towns and villages; the Ancient University of Harvard conferred upon President Hayes the honorary degree of D. C. L., the highest honor which a University can confer upon any individual who has earned the gratitude of his fellow men by distinguished services; the whole closing with a magnificent banquet at which were gathered most of the men in the whole country distinguished in the various walks of life; so great was the enthusiasm which prevailed that I, a stranger and foreigner, imbibed a portion of it, and was carried on with the stream of public sentiment—and all this was done to give expression to the conviction in the minds of the community that the occasion was one of deep interest, closely bound up with public questions of great importance. And so, Sir, on this occasion, you have in my judgment done well to mark so important an event in the history of Education in this Province as the laying of the corner-stone of a new