

such genuine benefit to the citizens, as the opening of the Fraser Institute. He trusted that Montreal would soon have a splendid free library, of which the Institute was the foundation. He considered that the library was destined to do a great deal of good. The idea of having both French and English books was an excellent one, and would have a tendency to bring both nationalities together. The collection of the Institut Canadien was an excellent one, and many hours had he spent in former years in perusing its treasures. Montreal had long needed a public library, and all should feel proud that this one was so successfully inaugurated. Probably the great success of the New England States was due in a large measure to the fact, that almost every hamlet possessed its free library. He hoped that it would be hailed with delight by all, and would in a certain measure tend to a stronger union between the two races. Pointing to the French and English volumes, His Honor referred to the feelings of unanimity which, in time of war between the two great nations, prompted the authors of those works; and he trusted that the example of those learned men would be followed by the citizens of Montreal—English, Irish, Scotch and French—and that there would be no more heard about distinctions of race and creed, but that all should unite to promote the welfare of Montreal and of Canada. (Applause.)

He then declared the Institute open to the public.

The proceedings then terminated.