

I confess to a little bit of heartsickness as I face this Society of Canadians in New York, so prosperous looking, so mentally bright and capable, as I should judge them all to be, so fine in expression and personality, and I say this without any attempt at camouflage or flattery, a little bit of heartsickness that you are here and that my Country suffers the loss of such an abstraction from its working forces, mental, moral and physical.

I said to my friend, Senator Foster, that this city was a dangerous lodestone near to which I rather feared to usher our young men. You look so prosperous here that when you welcome our people from "The Land of the Snows", where conditions are a little sterner, and translate them into the wonderful warmth of this atmosphere I am afraid the longing will arise to become participants of the same conditions and under the guise of that genial impression of friendship you will draw in fresh recruits from our people to mingle with your own Society.

We learned to sacrifice during the War. Please put a little in practice now and when they come show them a bit of your rougher moods so when they see that side of the picture they will make up their minds to go back to Canada and rough it. (Laughter)

After all, we get good out of all these seemingly unfavorable tendencies and wherever one goes, whether it is to New York, or Boston, or Cleveland, or Philadelphia, or elsewhere and comes up against the Canadian section there one is glad he is a Canadian because Canadians almost invariably have made good. The rock bottom fibre has been in them and they have kept it and improved it and it has given them confidence and gained them esteem and won for them positions of emolument and of honor, and what Canadians have done Canadians can again do. So we are proud of our ex-Canadians and proud of our Country, that such progeny goes out therefrom and approves itself in the contest of life in wider spheres.

But you do us a good, absolutely and positively, and Canada is stronger today that a Society like this exists in New York, and that similar Societies exist in other cities of the United States. And the United States is stronger and friendly relations between the two are better, and