

FROM THE / S. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The members of St. George's Society of Ottawa, the oldest national society in the capital, desire to take this early opportunity of most respectfully extending to Your Excellency a very cordial welcome at the commencement of Your Excellency's residence in our midst, as the representative in this great Dominion of His Most Gracious Majesty our King.

In selecting Your Excellency to fill the vice-regal office His Majesty has conferred honour upon the Dominion, which his loyal Canadian subjects will not be slow to appreciate.

We recognize in you the successor of men, who, for more than a century have been foremost among the soldiers and statesmen of the Empire; of one Earl Grey who won honours and wounds at Minden, and victories in America; who was brilliantly successful in the West Indies, and had the rare distinction of serving as the colleague of Wolfe on land, and of Jervis on the sea; of a second Earl Grey, the friend of Fox and Grenville, the controller during many years of the foreign policy of England, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and a most powerful advocate of the best interests of the people. Your Excellency's own public addresses and the conspicuous part you have taken in public affairs at home, and in South Africa, give us the assurance that your career is destined to carry out the highest traditions of a family distinguished alike for its private virtues and its patriotic devotion to the interests of the Empire and the liberties of the people, and in no part of His Majesty's vast dominions beyond the seas will greater opportunities offer in the immediate future for the development of that career than in Canada.

Your Excellency comes to us at a propitious moment in our history, when our people are happy and prosperous, our population increasing at an unprecedented rate, our national resource of every kind developing with great strides. Though differing in race and creed, we are united in unswerving loyalty to the Crown and affection for the person of our most gracious Sovereign, united in a single purpose of developing our noble heritage and advancing its material prosperity, united in our esteem for Your Excellency and the Countess Grey. May the blessings of Providence which have been so munificently showered upon this land in the past continue during