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DEDICATION.

TO HIS HONOUR,

THE HONOURABLE AUGUSTE-RÉAL ANGERS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c., &c.

SIR,

The Registrars' Association of the Province of Quebec is happy to greet, in the person of the high representative of HER MAJESTY the Queen, at Quebec, an eminent magistrate and a distinguished lawyer.

It is in view of this two-fold title that the Association wishes to approach more nearly to the Lieutenant Governor, the natural warden of public rights and, in especial, of the officers appointed to be their custodians.

Of all civil officers, the Registrar *alone* is thrown on his own resources, as the faithful guardian of the most precious interests of society, from the stand-point of property.

As keeper of privileges and mortgages, the Registrar's mission is so important that he must have recourse to the serious study of the law and of conventions, in order to become possessed of their secrets and interpret them properly.

Impelled by these motives, the Registrars of this province, or at least a majority of them, have formed an association of mutual help, and adopted a "CONSTITUTION," laws and by-laws designed to settle once more that uniformity of action without which the public interests cannot be maintained.

Your worthy predecessor was kind enough to give us his patronage, by accepting the dedication of the Annual Record which we publish yearly, and judging by the progress achieved from its establishment, Mr Masson imparted us his encouragement.