

that of a business or profession. I am giving my entire time to the work of my Department and the Government, and though I have had tempting offers to accept positions on Boards, which would add somewhat to my present means, and might do not a little in the way of supplementing what I have by contributing to publications of one kind and another, I prefer, so long as I find it possible, to give my entire time and thought to public work, taking chances on the future. This alone is what obliges me to consider certain outlays which are in the way of luxuries. I am a member of the Rideau and Golf Clubs in Ottawa, one or two clubs in Toronto, and a club in Berlin, and for the present at least I do not feel that I can well add to the number without experiencing a handicap from which I am endeavouring to get free.

You play a trump card when you speak of the complimentary banquet to Sir John Hanbury Williams. I know of few men so deserving of an