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Then, in offering his best wishes to the hotel management, he said: "In the name of Montreal and of the Province of Quebec, I thank you for this token of your confidence, and feel sure that you will find it amply justified. We believe we have a great destiny; in fact, like our forefathers, we have great hopes and ambitions and we have entire confidence that our children will see the accomplishment of that which their parents commenced."

Frank Dudley, president of the Mount Royal Hotel Company and of the United Hotels Company, after acknowledging the courtesy of the Premier in attending the opening ceremony at the hotel and expressing his pleasure in his latest venture, handed the key of the hotel to Vernon G. Cardy, the manager, who was loudly applauded to the strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Other speakers were W. A. Mackenzie, of W. A. Mackenzie and Company, and Walter Stabler, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, both of whom had an important part in the financing of the venture; John H. Dodgson, president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, Toronto, and Frank Sumner, of Montreal.

**Distinguished Guests**

Those present included: Rt. Hon. W. I. Mackenzie King; Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice; Wm. M. Birks, toastmaster, president Montreal Board of Trade; Hon. Frank A. Dudley, president United Hotels Company of America; W. A. Mackenzie, of W. A. Mackenzie and Company, bankers, Toronto; Walter Stabler, comptroller of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York; E. M. Tierney, president American Hotel Association; John H. Dodgson, president Commercial Travellers' Association, Toronto; Walter Mitchell, M.P.; Sir Henry Thornton, president Canadian National Railways; The Right Rev. J. C. Farthing, Bishop of Montreal; Sir Arthur Currie, principal McGill University; Senator Dandurand; Sir F. Williams-Taylor, president Bankers' Association of Canada; Herbert M. Marler, M.P., Ald. H. B. Seybold, representing the Mayor of Montreal; Rt. Hon. Lord Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O.; Lt.-Col. The Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy, K.C.; Brig.-Gen. F. S. Meighen, W. W. Butler, Senator Smeaton White, F. W. Moison, Geo. Caverhill, Gordon C. Cushing, A. D. McTier, Hugh Allan, Gen. J. B. White, F. H. Clegue, G. A. Ross, Dr. Wm. Birkett, H. E. Shorey, Colonel McBain, W. A. Fensom, Geo. A. Cantlie, E. A. Sweet, Mortimer Davis Jr., E. M. Boomer, Gen. Leslie Kincaid (New York), E. R. Deary, Grant Hall (vice-president C. P. R.), Colonel Starke, Dr. W. G. Reilly, W. A. Jellett, Wm. Walbank, Guy Tombs, A. Gaboury, W. A. Tuttle, H. P. Buell, Dr. Shires, Major Bell, G. H. Duggan, Wm. Rutherford, A. McA. Murphy, Dr. H. S. Birkett, Colin Campbell, Lt.-Col. McTaggart, George H. Montgomery, K.C., M. P. Fennell, Charles Gurd, Walter Gurd, Dr. E. M. Desaulniers, George McNamee, Joseph Stanford, Adelard Raymond, Douglas Bremner, W. G. Ross, Hon. Frank Carrel, James Carruthers, Dr. R. Craig, E. E. Cummings, Gregor Barclay, K.C., W. P. Kearney, W. S. Weldon.

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