

It affords us the highest pleasure to offer you our sincere welcome on your return amongst us to resume the active discharge of the duties of the exalted Office entrusted to you by the Royal favour: and we pray your Excellency's Administration of public affairs may, under the Divine blessing, be so directed as greatly to promote the general welfare.

We rejoice with your Excellency in the large measure of prosperity with which Almighty God has been graciously pleased to bless this portion of Her Majesty's Dominions; and we are thankful unto "Him to whom the shields of the earth belong," that, notwithstanding the hostile attitude and presumptuous threats of turbulent and lawless men beyond our borders, who still cherish evil designs against us, the Public tranquillity remains unbroken in this our land, and that their wicked counsels have been turned into foolishness.

It is peculiarly gratifying that whilst the unlawful projects of these designing men have met with no sympathy in any part of the Province, the evidences are not wanting that the spirit of our people may be relied upon to repel all such attempts to invade our rights or to subvert our liberties: and we hail with satisfaction the numerous proofs of the loyal attachment of all ranks amongst us to the person and government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, whose benignant rule has justly secured for Her so high a place in the hearts of Her people.

We welcome with great satisfaction the Proclamation of the Imperial Act providing for the Union into one Dominion of the several Provinces now forming Her Majesty's North American Possessions, and we congratulate your Excellency on the harmony with which so important a step has been taken, and the influence it is likely to have on the progress of our Country—with whose history your Excellency's name will ever be honourably associated.

In entering upon this new era in our National history, in such favourable circumstances, and with the enlarged field thus presented, we recognize it as the sacred duty of all Her Majesty's loyal subjects in their several stations to co-operate in all proper efforts to secure the consolidation and permanency of the *Dominion of Canada*.

As office-bearers in the Christian Church, it is our desire, and shall be our unceasing endeavour, to leaven to the fullest extent the minds of the people in our respective charges, with the principles of true religion; and we feel assured that we shall have your Excellency's countenance in the efforts we may, by the Divine blessing, be enabled to make for promoting, among the general community, that "Righteousness which alone exalteth a Nation."

We beg the honour of your Excellency's transmission of the accompanying address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

That Almighty God may cause His blessing to rest, in rich abundance, upon your Excellency, on Lady Monck, and on all the members of your family, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod,
at Montreal, this eleventh day of June, one
thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven
years.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

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