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felt throughout the Province, at the lawless act, the effect of which is visible before us."

After the resolutions had been carried by acclamation, and the public proceedings had terminated, 600 persons sat down to dinner in a temporary pavilion erected on the spot where the hero fell, Chief Justice Robinson presiding; and at this, as at the morning meeting, great cloquence was displayed in the speeches, great loyalty evinced in the feelings, and great enthusiasm prevailed. After the Queen's health had been drunk, the Chief Justice rose and said :

"I have now to propose the memory of the late gallant Sir Isaac Brock, of Colonel McDonell, and those who fell with them on Queenston Heights. That portion of you gentlemen, who were inhabitants of Upper Canada while General Brock served in its defence, are at no loss to account for the enthusiastic affection with which his memory is cherished among us. It was not merely on account of his intrepid courage and heroic firmness, neither was it solely because of his brillaut success while he lived, nor because he so nobly laid down his life in our defence; it was, I think, that he united in his person, in a very remarkable degree, some qualities which are peculiarly calculated to attract the confidence and affection of mankind. There was in all he said and did that honesty of character which was so justly ascribed to him by a gentleman who proposed one of the resolutions. There was an inflexible integrity, uncommon energy and decision, which alw ys inspire confidence and respect-a remarkable evenness in his whole demeanour of benevolence and firmness-a peculiarly commanding and soldier-like appearance-a generous, frank and manly bearing, and above all an entire devotion to his country. In short, I believe I shall best convey my own impression when I say, it would have required much more courage to refuse to follow General Brock, than to go with him wherever he would lead."

The meeting presented a proud display of high and noble feelings, honorable to the memory of the dead and equally so to the character of the living. It was conducted with great dignity and judgment, and no accident occurred to interrupt the pleasures of the day; the steam vessels re-embarking their passengers soon after sun-set and conveying back the individuals composing this congregated multitude to their respective homes in safety.*

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