

selves and of the Canadian people, at the termination of Your Excellency's official connection with Canada, and at the approaching departure of yourself and your distinguished consort.

We also beg to assure Your Excellency that the Canadian people have regarded with high appreciation your presiding care over the affairs of this Dominion, as Her Majesty's representative; and gratefully recognise Your Excellency's active interest in the constitutional and material progress of this country.

We shall remember with gratification that Your Excellency has been happily enabled to fulfil the hope expressed in the earliest of your public addresses, that you might be the first Governor General to cross the entire breadth of the Dominion by the Canadian Pacific Railway; and we shall always refer with pleasure to Your Excellency's eloquent utterances on that occasion, bearing witness to the importance of that great work, as opening up to the influences of civilization our vast unsettled and fertile territories; and as creating a new highway, upon British territory, between the eastern and western portions of the British Empire.

Our recognition of the important services which Your Excellency has rendered to this country would be imperfect were we to omit the acknowledgment of the deep and practical interest which Your Excellency has taken in the literature, art and science of the Dominion, its educational institutions and learned societies; and in all the more ennobling elements of civilization which teach us rightly to develop and use the vast resources with which we have been endowed. The aid and concurrence, in this particular, of Her Excellency the Marchioness of Lansdowne has been marked and beneficial; and Her Excellency's name will long be associated in the minds of our people, with all that is dignified in a public career, all that is gracious in private life.

In assuming, at the command of Her Gracious Majesty, the high position of Governor General of Her Majesty's Dominions in British North America, Your Excellency brought with you historic traditions connecting your name with the fortunes of this continent in the past century. And we venture to hope that in Your Excellency, Canada has secured a friend who, enjoying the confidence of the Crown, and participating in the councils of Imperial Statesmen, will aid in guiding our destiny, and guarding our interests.

Our regret at Your Excellency's departure is tempered by the reflection that Your Excellency goes to occupy a more brilliant position, a wider field for your high administrative abilities than this country affords, in undertaking at the command of the Empress of India, to represent as Her Viceroy, Her authority over Her Oriental subjects, Your Excellency will be continuing the traditional care of your House for their elevation and advancement.

In bidding farewell to Your Excellency we beg to assure you and Her Excellency the Marchioness of Lansdowne, that you are followed by our warmest wishes for your welfare and that of your family.

And we beg Your Excellency to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the assurance of our unaltered devotion, and of our loyal wishes for the stability of the Throne, and the safety and prosperity of the Empire.