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Sir John does not stop here in emphasizing diplomatic character of position: He concludes his speech -

"I would say, Sir, that I believe, in all sincerity, that it is not only a very important step, but that it is a very wise step that Canada should, at once, as a Dominion, as an auxiliary kingdom, if I may use the expression, should have a resident Minister in England representing our wishes, to receive instructions from us, and keep at once a position among the Corps Diplomatique which has not latterly been accorded to any portion of Her Majesty's Empire. It is a wise step. I think it will fructify for good. I believe, as a matter of economy, that we shall save a large sum of money. It is well that every subject which it is desirable to present to Her Majesty's Government, should be pressed upon that Government by a man of ability, position and prestige."

Let me pause to speak for a moment of the word diplomatic.

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