

moderation and justice, that they and their children will bequeath it to their children's children free from national stain, that they will be strong enough to preserve its unity and successful enough to cause the day we now celebrate to be even more deeply honored, and to rejoice in their birthright, which to my mind is even now the highest and best the world contains.

I have two pictures which are garlanded with Maple Leaves. One is that of our beloved Sovereign, the Queen of Canada, on whose fair young brow the Crown was placed fifty-four years ago; the other, that of the wise, experienced and patriotic men who composed the Confederation Conference at Quebec, from which sprang our national life, Honourable Oliver Mowat, Sir Etienne Taché, Geo. Brown, Sir John Macdonald, Grey, Chapais, Johnston and D'Arcy McGee are all there shewn, amid the wisest statesmen from all the Provinces. Only half of those then assembled are now living; but they who have passed away, lived and died in the belief that the Constitution then adopted and recommended to our Queen was the best which human intellect could devise for the great northern race upon this continent; and this is the heritage we receive from those founders of Confederation; this is the noble heritage this generation will leave intact, extended and strengthened, to you, the youth of this country. You will prosper so long as you are worthy of this great trust; you will be blessed in preserving and strengthening it, so long as you seek His aid to maintain it as the most precious of your birth-rights, and you will rise to that place as a people in the great Empire, of which we form a part in proportion as you follow His precepts and obey His Divine Law. Great as you are now, greater you will become, and as citizens of Canada, citizens of the Great British Empire fulfil the prophecy of the Druid priest to Boadicea, the first British Queen, that in

"Regions Cæsar's legions never knew

"Our posterity shall sway,

"Where his eagles never flew,

"None invincible as they."

I have included in the foregoing the words and opinions of men far more able than I to judge of the present and forecast the future, and might have sent some extracts from the speeches of the Fathers of our Confederation which are full of confidence and hope, and calculated to strengthen and confirm the loyalty and patriotism of our young people; but as space does not admit, I must conclude by thanking you most cordially for the opportunity you have given me of addressing them.

and remain, very faithfully, yours,

JOHN SCHULTZ.