

"We sincerely thank His Royal Highness for the honour he has conferred upon us and the pleasure he has given us upon this occasion and trust that his royal progress through Canada will be attended with every success and with much pleasure and I am sure he will take back to the Homeland pleasing recollections of this—one of the greatest of His Majesty's Donations.

"Perhaps His Royal Highness may become so enamoured of Canada that he may be induced to become, what shall I say—a royal settler, and if so, he may take up in our midst the practice of his profession, the law, and should he do so, I need scarcely say that as a counsel he will never be without a brief.

"Gentlemen, I have the honour of proposing the health and happiness to our youngest Barrister, our new Benchman, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales."

His Royal Highness replied as follows:—

"Mr. Treasurer and Benchmen of the Law Society of Upper Canada: You have already done me a great honour this morning, now you are paying me a further compliment in entertaining me at lunch, for which I am very grateful. It is a great pleasure to me to be able to come to Osgoode Hall to-day, the famous Inn which has produced so many great legal lights. I don't feel I came as a stranger to you because I am already a member, and not only that—a Benchman, of the Middle Temple.

"I cannot say I feel very proficient in my new position, but I think one of the things a barrister expects is to have a large practice in public speaking. I can assure you Canada is certainly trying to give me that. Next time I come I may become more proficient at it.

"I do want to express to you my admiration for the wonderful war service of this Inn. You had 300 barristers serving in the war and are still almost more wonderful, out of 330 students, you had 300 serving at the front. I do congratulate you most heartily on such a record.

"With you I mourn the loss of those 70 barristers and students who will never return. I offer to you my deep sympathy for the splendid men you have lost.

"The Treasurer said he hoped I might come and settle in