

## JUSTICE WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL

OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO, CANADA

PRESIDENT HARPER SIBLEY, *Introductory*

TO the North lies our great sister country, Canada, from whom, if I am right, England had no power to demand a corporal's guard or a silver shilling. England had no power over Canada whatever except that power which Germany could not see, the power of a great ideal. To that ideal Canada has made the greatest free will offering that the world has ever seen. [Applause.]

It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to introduce to you Justice William Renwick Riddell of the Supreme Court of Canada. [Applause.]



JUSTICE WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL

### JUSTICE RIDDELL, *Address*

As I was sitting here this evening I wondered why it was that you had gone back to the old rule of always bringing on the best wine first, and when the people "have well drunk, then that which is worse." I learned the reason when my friend, Dr. David Jayne Hill, spoke, because he told us that you stood by the old customs. I have no reason to complain. If I had such reason on any account, it would be quite wiped out by the fact that I see that women in this city are "folks," and allowed to sit among "their betters." It is one of the most delightful customs—one which I am glad to say is spreading more and more widely, not only in this land, but also in Canada, another backward country—to ask our lady friends to favor us with their presence at a meeting, because you will find that it adds to the interest and does not at all diminish the usefulness.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am come to you, as has been said, from one of those five free governments, free governed, self governing; constituent nations of the far flung British Empire. British as we