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HE address with which His

Excellency the Governor-

General, recently inaugu-

rated the session of the

Canadian Women's Club at

Montreal was a most not-

able one. Not only did

he breathe the spirit of true

patriotism in its every

word, but it conveyed to the people

of Canada the King's approval of that

project which Lord Grey has so much

at heart, the creation of a great na-

tional park at Quebec to include both

the battlefields of Abraham and of St.

Foy, and the erection of a national

memorial on Cape Diamond to

commemorate and typify the unity of the

King not only called his ap-

proval of the proposition, but

showed his practical sympathy by

subscribing the sum of 100 guineas

towards its consummation.

The salient features of His Excel-

lency's speech were:—

French and English

"I shall be greatly disappointed

if the influence of this Women's Can-

adian Club does not make it easier

for the French and English peoples

of this city to work more cordially to-

gether for the common good, and with

a better understanding of and sym-

pathy with each other's point of view.

There are no two peoples who are

more in want of each other than the

French and English. Give me a man

who has the capacity and the strength

of the Englishman, and the charm

and the imagination and the courtesy

of the Frenchman, and I will show

you as nearly perfect a man as can

be made. In the best English Society

a man who cannot speak French is at

a great disadvantage. Every Eng-

lishman who can talk and read

French easily and can claim to cer-

tain number of French people among

his friends has enriched his life. In

discussing this question, Mr.

Whitney, the Premier of Ontario, he

told me that he wished every young

Ontario man could spend two years

in the province of Quebec after leav-

ing Toronto University, so that he

might enrich his own and consoli-

diate the national life.

"Personally, I delight in the society

of French people. They bring me

much without which my life would be

poorer than it is, but it would false

modesty if I said that I did not

frankly avow that the English char-

acteristics bring to the French much

without which their life would be

poorer than it is when strengthen-

ed by contact and sympathy with the

English.

"Now, how are the French and the

English Canadian to derive the great-

est benefit from each other? That

depends on you ladies. To the Eng-

lish mother I would say: Teach your

children to speak French and to ap-

preciate all that is most worthy of

admiration in the French character;

and to the French mother: teach

your children to speak and to love

the English.

"Why are we each and all of us so

proud of being the loyal and devoted

subjects of King Edward the Peace-

maker? Not because the British Em-

pire of which the King is the in-

auguration, covers one-fifth of the

land surface of the world, and all the

sea, and includes one-fifth of the hu-

man race. It is not because of the

size of the Empire, nor because we

are each of us units in a group of

over 400,000,000 beings; it is not be-

cause of any vulgar consideration of

size and numbers that we are so

proud to be Britons; it is because

you possess, it gives to you, it

stands for Justice, Honor, Freedom,

Duty and Disinterested Service.

"We love the British Empire, and

as all proud of being a part of it, be-

cause it shines not only like a lovely

star, but like a blessed sun over all

the world."

Value of Our Winter

"Your winter is the greatest asset

you possess. It gives to Canada a

superiority in grain, fruit, stock, and

men and women, which the South can

never take away from you, however

numerous its peoples may become. In

Minneapolis the grain that comes

from your prairie provinces is known

under the name of Manitoba Jewels;

the superiority of Ontario stock,

swine, cattle, and sheep has lately

been demonstrated at Chicago.

"It is beginning to be known all

over the world that the apples of

Canada are—I was going to say the

best apples in the world. They are

certainly the best apples on this side

of the Atlantic. When I was in New

York last spring I found there was a

great demand for Canadian apples,

and that they, like your prairie wheat,

were looked upon as 'Canadian Jew-

els.'"

"All these advantages you owe to

the Lady of the Snows. She gives

you not only in one direction, but in

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size of the Empire, nor because we

are each of us units in a group of

quality of excellence, but she also se-

cures you, through the agency of her

winters, the possession of the time in

which to think.

"Another reason why you should be

most grateful to the Lady of the

Snows is because she invests your

idea of existence is to rot and lazy

in warm luxurious indolence. With

all these tremendous advantages it

will be your fault if you, the Cana-

dians, do not become the first race on

this side of the Atlantic.

The Influence of Women

"Remember, women not only are the

most lovely of the Creator's works,

but no influence is so great as theirs

in every age they have set the social

standards. In every age they have

inspired men to be heroes or de-

graded them to the level of the brutes.

It was the spirit of the Roman

Matron, represented by Voluptua,

who set the sympathy for the death

of her son in battle thus: 'Had I a doz-

en sons I had rather eleven die nobly

for their country than one voluntarily

surrendered out of action.' It was

the spirit of Voluptua that made the

Roman people unconquerable, and

resistant. When luxury enervated

and selfishness corrupted the Roman

people, they were no longer a people

and the women their virtue.

Then the way was opened right to the

heart of Rome for a hand and a

more virtuous race to enter and

take from their hands the sceptre of

leadership. As it was with them, so

will it be with every country whose

people become soft, self-indulgent,

and corrupt.

"Come down the ladder of the cen-

turies to the time when D'Aguesseau

who had the courage to resist Louis

XIV, and his Chancellor in the cause

of freedom, was a Frenchman, and

wishing her farwell, that it was prob-

able he should have to sleep in the

bastille. The reply of his wife is on

record.

Allez, Monsieur, et agissez comme

si vous n'aviez ni femme ni enfants.

"Faites mieux votre conduite, et la

Bastille vous en rendra honneur, que

vous ne le ferez pas de son honneur.

"It is the spirit of such women that

puts a soul into a nation. Now, some

of you ladies may perhaps think in

your modesty, that your influence

does not count, and that your influ-

ence falls on you. I tell you that the in-

fluence of each of you does count in

making the nation what it is, and that

the only doubt that makes me

hesitate about the future of Cana-

da is my doubt as to whether you,

the women of Canada, have the im-

agination to realize the greatness of

your destiny, and the spirit to achieve

it."

The Duty of Women

"May I say this to you without giv-

ing offence, that unless each one

of you takes