

lowance, which can be justly demanded in your behalf on that score, there is room for still greater improvement, and at all events, in the course of the next generation, the Government of the country, and your fellow-subjects, will expect, that you will compete with them on more equal terms than you are able to do at present, in all those arts of peace, whether of agriculture or mechanics, which it is necessary to cultivate for the purpose of your own support, and in the interests of our common country. In the next place—and now, I am addressing myself to the young men, because I feel, that it is scarcely necessary, that I should give any recommendation to their fathers—let me recommend you, to avoid all excess in intoxicating liquors, as if they were so much poison, as if it were the destruction of the happiness of your homes, of your health, of your energy, of everything which you ought to hold dear, as honorable and right-minded men. Now, it only remains for me to thank you from the very bottom of my heart, for the kindly welcome which you have given me, for the pains you have taken to make my visit agreeable, for the evidences which you have exhibited of your loyalty to your great mother, and for your friendly feelings towards myself and the Countess of Dufferin. On entering the Indian Reserve, we passed through an arch which was beautifully constructed, and decorated with appropriate emblems. On our passage through your domain, we encountered Indian bands of music, all of them playing the hymn in honor of the Queen. On arriving at your Council House, our path to the dais prepared for our reception, was strewn with flowers, and we found ourselves accommodated in the traditional arbour, in which from times immemorial the Indian tribes have been accustomed to greet their guests. In return, let me assure you, that so long as I administer the government of this country, every Indian subject, no matter what his tribe, what his nation, or what his religion, will find in me a faithful friend and sure protector—and that in undertaking this office, I am but representing the wishes of the Canadian Government, and following the instructions of the Imperial Government. The people of Canada, and the people of Britain, will not cease to recognize those obligations which have been impressed upon them by the hands of Providence, towards their Indian fellow-subjects, and never shall the word of Britain, once pledged, be broken, but from one end of the Dominion to the other, every Indian subject shall be made to feel that he enjoys the rights of a freeman, and that he can with confidence appeal to the British Crown for protection.