

ought to be conferred because of peculiar fitness, and with a view to the furthering of the best interests of man.

Turning to the members of the St. Andrew's Society, he paid a tribute to the high character of the Scottish nation, saying that the same integrity and righteousness must lie at the foundation of every free and prosperous land. Honesty, thrift, and humanity shone through the Scottish character, and no greater service could Scotchmen in Canada do to their adopted country in order to elevate her moral and religious character, and to imbue her with a right spirit of political and religious freedom, than to introduce to that country, and to perpetuate there, the characteristics of the heroes they admired and the homes they loved.

