

ion stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with an iron bond from sea to sea. A great change has also come over our form of government. We now appoint our local governors. The Governor General is the only appointee of the crown, the representative of Her Majesty in Canada, and to-day, while we are assembled in this City of Charlottetown, our Governor General, the Earl of Aberdeen, is holding a reception at Summerside. He, and his much loved wife, the Countess of Aberdeen, were with you here yesterday. Many of us have not had the pleasure of seeing them, but I can safely say, there is no body of citizens anywhere in Canada who bear more loyal sentiment than the Freemasons of Prince Edward Island.

I cannot close these remarks without reminding you that in this your centennial year, Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, has celebrated her Sexagenary Jubilee. Her life, so pure, brilliant and perfect, the counterpart of the most valuable of earth's jewels, the true diamond, has shone brightly over the empire, and when we consider Her Majesty as the daughter of a Freemason, as the mother of Freemasons, (two of her sons being rulers in the craft), and as the patroness and benefactress of our fraternity, we can truly say from the bottom of our hearts, "God bless our noble Queen."

In the neighboring republic Masonry has assumed large proportions during the last century. Time does not permit me to make many further remarks, but while referring to our sister English speaking nation, there arises before our vision of the past many great men and women of the century, and in the forefront of the group, two persons stand boldly out, two names long to be remembered, the supreme American Man and the supreme English Woman, Abraham Lincoln and Queen Victoria. One stands for Liberty, the other for Peace, Freedom with good government, Peace with honor.