

The glowing, the too eulogistic, the too kindly manner in which he has referred to me almost deprives me of power to properly acknowledge as I ought to acknowledge, this distinction which I am receiving to-day.

"It has been my good fortune not only to be presented by a gentleman holding a very distinguished and eminent position in the great church to which he belongs, but to be presented to a Chancellor whom for 36 long years I have known most intimately, and every year of which has added and deepened the respect that I entertained for him. Early in our acquaintance your Chancellor built an imperishable monument to himself in the International Railway, commanding the admiration of the most distinguished engineers of all countries. He it was, also, who solved the difficulty of the location of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and he is the gentleman to whom the empire will soon, I hope, be indebted for having secured the construction of a Pacific cable—associated with a Principal whose eloquent tongue and facile pen have raised this University to its present eminence. (Applause.)

"I have received a similar honor from the University of Cambridge, and my old Alma Mater, the University of Edinburgh, but while I was to them comparatively unknown, here, where I have spent forty-four years of my public life under an electric searchlight, you have thought me not unworthy of this great distinction. I am proud to assist the Hon. Senator Gowan, who has so mainly contributed to found this chair of Political and Economic Science as an enduring monument to that great and ever-to-be-lamented statesman, the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald. Appointed Judge fifty-six years ago—forty-three years on the bench, and since a law-maker—no one could be better qualified to inaugurate such a chair than Senator Gowan." (Applause.)

Sir Charles then went on to show that no field can be more interesting than Canada for historical investigation. Sir John A. Macdonald, he said was an indefatigable student of political and economical science and the value of his study of this subject was shown in his treatment of the French-Canadians, and in his adoption throughout life of the great cardinal principle of equal rights to all, irrespective of sect or creed.

Reference was made to the prominent part played by Sir John in the National Policy, and the inception of the C. P. R. Sir Charles Tupper concluded his speech by alluding to the prevailing prosperity of Canada, and with a description of the great natural resources of the Dominion.

The proceedings closed with the singing of

the National Anthem. Subsequently Sir Charles Tupper was driven to the University grounds where he planted an elm tree in commemoration of the afternoon's function.

THE STUDENTS' TRIBUTE.

On the afternoon of the inauguration of the Sir John A. Macdonald chair in Political and Economic Science, the students marched from the College to the City Park, and placed a beautiful wreath of flowers upon the statue of the great statesman. Short addresses were delivered to a large assembly by Robert Burton, M.A., J. S. Shortt, M.A., J. M. Farrell, B.A., and W. F. Nickle, B.A., President and Past Presidents of the Alma Mater Society. At the close of the ceremony the national anthem was sung.

THE CLOSING CEREMONIES.

It was an audience of beauty and culture which assembled in Convocation Hall to witness the closing proceedings on Wednesday afternoon last. In the gallery the boys held sway and made things quite warm. After the slow and solemn procession of University dignitaries and distinguished visitors had settled themselves on the platform, Convocation was opened with prayer by the Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A. The Chancellor then delivered his address in which he made a felicitous reference to the presence of Lord Minto. He then spoke of the memorable occasion two years ago when Lady Aberdeen became an honorary graduate of Queen's, and in order to commemorate that event he asked the Principal to unveil a bust of the Countess. Principal Grant did as directed, and, throwing aside the drapery from a pedestal that stood near, disclosed a speaking likeness of the countenance of the late Governor-General's consort. The unveiling of the bust evoked a great display of enthusiasm. The Chancellor then formally presented the bust to the University. Mr. Justice MacLennan, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, received and acknowledged the gift.

The presentation of medals and scholarships, and the conferring of degrees then took place.

Principal Grant then presented His Excellency Lord Minto for the degree of LL.D. In his opening remarks he expressed gratification at the presence of Archbishop Gauthier, an observation which the audience received with applause. The Principal then proceeded to show why Queen's followed the long-established practice of asking Her Majesty's representative in Canada to join her brotherhood. "We received from Her Majesty the charter under which we act and do our work and confer our