

ness and good wishes from my Canadian fellow-countrymen. Yes, in Canada we rejoice in your prosperity, in your magnificent development, in your patriotic love for your flag, in your solution of some of the great problems that troubled your national existence and in your assured hope of solving them all. But we are proud, too, of our own country and our own flag, of the splendor and strength of our resources, and of the well-nigh boundless possibilities of our future greatness. Even as you do, we love free institutions; these we have, and they are the best suited to us and to the genius of our population. If you have a republic, we have a commonwealth—"a crowned republic," as it has been happily called. You are far ahead of us in point of numbers, but we know that our people live in peace and plenty no less than yours. (Hear, hear.) And it is our

hope that Canada and the United States in friendly rivalry, in all the arts of peace, in all the marts of commerce, may go on through the ages to come, the happiness and prosperity of each acting as a stimulus to the best efforts of the other, each working out a destiny of the brightest augury, and so linked in the bonds of amity and loving kindness that they may be said, somewhat in the majestic words of Milton, "to progress through the great circles of revolving centuries, clasping hands with unflinching joy and bliss in overmeasure forever." (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

Gentlemen, I thank you for your kind invitation, for your cordial reception and for your patient attention. This day will remain one of the brightest of my life and for it I will ever thank, and never forget "Providence."