

be free of arrears, so that litigants have no cause of complaint of tardy justice. I am sure Your Honors are justly entitled to the greatest praise and the best thanks of the Bar and public for the work you have accomplished.

I should like to refer to the remuneration of the Judges, but I fear this is not the place or the occasion to do so. I will only say that the Bar is almost a unit in saying that your remuneration is altogether inadequate, out of proportion to the labor performed, and I trust that members of the Bar who occupy seats in the Parliament of Canada will not fail in their duty in seeing that justice be done in the matter and a great wrong be righted.

The address of the Bar of Montreal, which I have the pleasure to present I will with your Honors' permission now read.

*To the Honorable Sir Melbourne MacTaggart Tait, D. C. L., Knight, etc., etc., Acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal:*

The Bar of Montreal learned with great pleasure of the honor which Her Most Gracious Majesty conferred upon you in June last, upon the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of her illustrious reign, by elevating you to the dignity of Knighthood, and they take the first opportunity, upon this formal opening of the Courts of the Province to-day, of asking you to accept of their hearty congratulations upon the event.

Your brilliant attainments at the Bar, your devotion to work since your elevation to the Bench, your love of justice, your wide-spread knowledge and your high character as a Judge—combined with all the virtues of a good citizen, designated you as worthy of the Royal favor which you have received.

We are sure that the Bar of Montreal echoes not alone the sentiments of your brother Judges, but of the whole Bar and people of our Province in wishing you in the future, even greater success than in the past, and we pray that you may be long spared to enjoy the honors which you have so justly won.

We ask you to convey to Lady Tait our respectful compliments, and the expression of our sincere wishes for her happiness.

On behalf of the Bar of Montreal.—

C. B. Carter, Bâtonnier.

Arthur Globensky, Syndic.

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Montreal, 10th September, 1897.