

I had now become a citizen of a Republic, that I had thereby experienced a new civic birth, that I was no longer the subject of a Sovereign King; indeed, that I had myself now become a veritable sovereign,—one of the sovereign people. And I believe that every Canadian, upon finding himself a citizen of an Independent Canada, would at once realize that he had thereby acquired a new and greater dignity. He would feel himself lifted to a higher plane, his outlook would be broadened, his sympathies extended and deepened, his character strengthened and exalted would be added to his moral and intellectual stature. And as the individual citizen would thus raise to grander heights, so would the commonwealth grow in strength and splendor. Canada Independent would quickly take a foremost place among the nations of the earth. From that vantage ground she would challenge the attention of the older nations and a new and rich page of human activity and moral and material development would be recorded. And she would speed along the pathway of art, science, literature and commerce to a national greatness commensurate with the resources of her domain, the stability of her institutions and the integrity and capacity of her people.

Mr. HENRY J. CUNNINGHAM,

of the Intercolonial Club, spoke as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

It affords me much pleasure to second the motion made by Mr. O'Donnell. One of the chief objects of this club is to advance the interests of those of our fellow citizens who share with us the distinctive attribute of a common birthplace. Among the methods which we have adopted for the advancements of these interests is the enlightenment of our members and the public generally on the relative attractions which the land of our adoption, as well as the land of our birth, possesses for us and our families. This we have endeavored to do by inviting from time to time such men as Mr. Thomson to address us on topics which have a direct bearing on our organic existence. In other words, we feel that we have a case to present to both the people of Massachusetts and of Canada, and we are seeking the services of the very best attorneys and witnesses to present our case.

The speaker this evening has appeared in the capacity of an expert witness, and I say it without fear of successful contradiction that he is the most competent we have yet summoned to our aid. An expert witness to be competent, must possess three qualifications: First, he must be a specialist in his line; secondly, he must possess a full knowledge of the facts in the case, and thirdly, he must be sufficiently impartial to submit these facts whether they are prejudicial or otherwise to the side which has enlisted his services. That Mr. Thomson possesses these qualifications is, I think, amply proven by the exhaustive address which he has given this evening.

It might interest you, my friends, to know something of the remote