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ADDRESS GIVEN BY THE HON. LEIGHTON McCARTHY, K.C.,
CANADIAN MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES, AT A LUNCHEON
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CANADA, AND HER EXTERNAL RELATIONS

When accepting your very kind invitation it was assumed that it was principally in the role of Canadian Minister to the United States that you expected me to speak.

However, may not my own personal relations with yourselves, with your fathers in many cases, have had something to do with my presence here today.

I should like to feel it were so because my roots are deeply embedded in the soil of eastern Canada, commencing by playing lacrosse against your famous SHAMROCKS, as a member of the Toronto Lacrosse team in 1893, both in Montreal and in competition with them at Chicago's World's Fair of that year.

Ceasing to play lacrosse, taking part in many less active games, I played numerous interesting if not successful games of golf on the links of this Province.

But I have visited your hospitable Province - to work as well as to play. During my fifty years and more as a lawyer, I took part in many a legal combat here. Occasionally I was more successful with the tools of that profession, than with lacrosse stick or driver. I hope you won't hold that against me!

It is now nearly 45 years since my entry into the House of Commons, having the extreme good luck to become associated with many great Leaders from your Province - notably that great and ^{illustrious} ~~good~~ statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier; and with so many of his compatriots from this ^{Splendid} ~~great~~ Province.

The highlight of my ten years sojourn in Ottawa was my great good fortune to have enjoyed the confidence of Sir Wilfrid. I never fail to thrill at his now famous proclamation, "Since the proud day of Rome there has been no title prouder than the title

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