

how can it be within my power to introduce to his Lordship the members of the Association since in speaking to them he is to look into their faces, and in doing so, cannot fail to read the expression of the veneration which they entertain for the high office which he fills, of the respect with which they regard him personally, and of their grateful appreciation of his kindness in coming across the seas to honor them with his presence, and to give them the benefit of his wisdom?

But my desire to discharge the very agreeable duty which rests upon me is so great that I shall venture to do that which is superfluous by saying to his Lordship that nowhere in the English-speaking world would he find an audience where more respect is felt for the principles of that great system of law of which the chancery court of England constitutes so great a part, and nowhere would he find a warmer and more generous sympathy than goes out to him in this audience today.

My Lord, may I be permitted to introduce to you my brethren of the American Bar Association?

The Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain:

I ask you first of all to let me express my personal gratitude to my colleague (for he has invited me to call him such), the Chief Justice of the United States, not only for coming here to welcome me, but for the kindly words which he has spoken.

Then I wish to thank the members of the Association for the splendid reception they gave me and the care they have taken of me. Of the Association and its work, I shall have something more to say later.

And finally, but not least, I wish to express my personal gratitude to my colleagues as Ministers of the Crown, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Justice, for the warmth of their welcome to all of us who belong to the other two nations here in Montreal today.

The Lord Chancellor then proceeded to read his Address as follows:

It is with genuine pleasure that I find myself among my fellow-lawyers of the New World. But my satisfaction is tempered by a sense of embarrassment. There is a multitude of topics on