

After the clergy, let us hear our public men.

We commence with Sir Wilfrid :

« To Her Majesty, the Queen,

« Most Gracious Sovereign.

« We, loyal and submissive subjects of Your Majesty, the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, desire to offer Your Majesty, our cordial congratulations on the occasion of the approaching end of the war in South Africa, an end foreseen by the recent successes of British arms, crowned by the fall of Pretoria.

« The sentiment of pride and satisfaction with which we hail every fresh addition to the already lengthy and glorious list of deeds of English valor and resourcefulness is even still more intensified by the knowledge that we possess that Canada, thanks to the active co-operation of her sons on the battle-field, has, in a new and special manner, a right to participate in the joy of the present triumph.

« We rejoice that the struggle, which happily is about to close, shall have the effect of causing to disappear the embarrassments from which, during such a long time, many of our fellow-citizens suffered, and we doubt not that the extension of Your Majesty's beneficent dominion over the whole of South Africa will bring to these lands the blessings that flow from a wise and happy administration of just and equitable laws.

« We pray that Your Majesty's reign may continue for long years to come for the happiness of your people.»

(*Parliamentary session of 1900.*)

Turn we now to Sir Charles Tupper:

« It is with great pleasure that I second the address which the Honorable the Prime Minister has just moved