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GENTLEMEN OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE,

It was with a high appreciation of the honor conferred on me that I acknowledged on a former occasion the distinction of being elected by you to fill this Chair, which had already been successively occupied by men whose names reflect a dignity on any one who may succeed to them; and it is with feelings not less appreciative of the kindness with which you have marked your sense of my hearty zeal in all that pertains to the progress of the Canadian Institute, that I have again to thank you for this renewed testimony of your favor in placing me a second time in the high position of your President.

It is usual on such anniversaries as this to review the more important events which have recently transpired in the world of science; and especially to note what progress has been made within our own Province. During the past year, however, the interest and the energies of Canada have been largely absorbed in proceedings, which, while they had for their special object the inaugural completion of that gigantic triumph of engineering skill which now spans the St. Lawrence, and challenges comparison with the greatest mechanical