

in the honour conferred, a desire on the part of the legal profession of this Province, to accord recognition to the importance of public service in our halls of Parliament, and in the government of our country.

That the Law Society of Upper Canada should have viewed in such a kindly way my many years of office, and deemed me worthy of this expression of their good-will, is something which I cannot too gratefully acknowledge, or for which I cannot thank its members too warmly. It is, indeed, a tribute to our public life that occasions, such as the present, are not infrequently found where the heat of ancient controversies is forgotten, and the sound of faction stilled, in a desire to emphasize the importance of public service. In words I recently used on another memorable occasion, in speaking to ^{my} fellow-members of all parties in Parliament, I venture the hope that the memory of this occasion will serve to lend a glow to public life, and to reveal the richness of the rewards of public service.

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Before I essay the task the Treasurer has assigned me, may I give, if not by way of apology, at