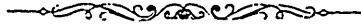


suitable for such gatherings as the present one. The University of Ottawa had done great and noble work for Canada in the past, and it could always rely on his support and encouragement. He thanked the students for their kind wishes and words of welcome. He had come out here in obedience to the Holy Father who loves this country so much, especially because of the faith of its people and their unswerving attachment to the See of Peter. The Pope expected that the citizens of this great country would be steadfast in their allegiance and ever keep before their eyes the necessity of harmony and unity, so as to maintain intact and continually advance the best interests of Catholicity.



The President and the Premier.

IR WILFRID LAURIER, K.C.M.G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada, has for his official governmental title President of the Privy Council or Cabinet. He presides over the meetings of this all-important body, and he has no departmental duties except those done under his supervision by the clerks relating to the work of the Council. All orders in council, and acts of the council, are sent from this office to those departments and persons who have to act under them.

According to Bourinot, the head of the ministry, the "Premier," gets the title from the fact that he is first called upon by the Sovereign or the Governor-General to form a ministry.

Laurier when entrusted with this very grave responsibility, sets about to choose such members of his party as are likely to bring strength to the government as a political body, and capacity to the administration of the affairs of the country. Here is where the Premier's ability as a statesman must show itself. He carefully selects the different Cabinet Ministers, paying careful attention to many standing customs, such as representation of the different provinces in the Cabinet,—a certain element to represent the Catholics, the non-Catholics, the English and the French-speaking people of the Dominion. But Laurier's power of choosing his Cabinet is not final; each member must go before the people, and be elected as a representative and a Minis-