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It has often been pointed out that Canada has been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of the various Governors General sent to her by the Imperial Government.

The present occupant of that most important position is a worthy successor of those who have gone before. At once upon his arrival in Canada he identified himself most closely with the interests and welfare of its people. He has been indefatigable in his efforts to become thoroughly acquainted with the country and its resources, having visited and made himself familiar with each of the nine provinces which now make up the Dominion of Canada. Wherever he has gone, his responses to addresses have been characterized by a knowledge of our country, an appreciation of its resources, an optimistic view as to its future, a practical common sense and an eloquence that have attracted much attention and been greatly admired.

It has been thought that what he has stated in these speeches is of such a character that a widespread knowledge of the same could not but be beneficial to the people of Canada and the Empire and, moreover, there has been a general request that they should be published.

It has accordingly been arranged to put out an edition of these speeches, so as to preserve them in permanent form, and to permit of a wide distribution thereof.