

will give me plenary absolution, and even a vote of thanks, for not accepting Sir Charles Tupper's invitation, and entering into the question of the defences of Canada. I don't know where we should have been now if I had gone into that subject. I am sorry that my remarks should have been regarded as disrespectful to the fortress of Quebec. I said nothing of the modern defences on the Point Levis side, or of that noble citadel which guards the British flag, and stands, a grey sentinel, witnessing to two centuries of history. All I intended to say was that there are some portions of the old works of Quebec which subserve no useful purpose of modern defence, and are very much in the way of improvement, and that the armament is obsolete.

Mr. FREDERICK YOUNG: It is no part of the ordinary programme of the Institute that a vote of thanks should always be proposed to the chairman of the evening, but I am sure we shall not be willing to separate without giving our most hearty thanks to the noble Marquis who has presided on this occasion. To my mind, it is impossible to exaggerate the value and importance of gentlemen in the position of the noble Marquis coming to our meetings and taking a prominent part in our proceedings. I myself feel particularly grateful to our noble chairman for the kind and genial way in which he responded to my request that he would preside this evening. It seemed specially appropriate that when we were discussing a subject relating to Canada, the late Governor-General should preside. I beg to propose that our heartiest thanks be given to the Marquis of Lorne.

The motion was cordially adopted.

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