

was the appropriate birth-place and home of the first Historical Society in the Country.

It is the honour and the boast of our Society that from its foundation until now, the Governors of Canada (beginning with the illustrious Earl of Dalhousie, under whose favouring auspices the Royal Charter incorporating the Society was granted, and closing with Your Excellency's immediate predecessor, the high minded and gifted Sir Edmund Head,) have, each in his turn, marked their approval of our Society by holding the office of its Patron.

We would fain hope that we may look for a similar mark of favour at Your Excellency's hands.

We desire to convey through you to Lady Monck and the other members of Your Excellency's family, our respectful and cordial greetings, and the expression of our earnest hope that their sojourn among us may be attended with every happiness and blessing.

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Gentlemen,

I receive with sincere pleasure the Address with which you have done me the honour of greeting my arrival amongst you.

The object proposed to themselves by societies like that which you represent, of elevating and informing the minds of those whose ordinary occupations are such as exclude them from the humanizing influences of literature and science, is one which must commend itself to the favour of all thinking people, and I rejoice to find that amongst this rising community the advantages to be derived from an acquaintance with the events of past history, and with the thoughts of master minds in all ages of the world, are duly appreciated.

I accept with pleasure the honour you have offered me of becoming your patron, an honour which is enhanced by the consideration of the names of those who have preceded me in the office.

I thank you cordially for your kind greeting to Lady Monck and the other members of my family, and I will not fail to convey to them the expression of your good wishes.