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Fellow-members of the Ontario Medical Association:

This gathering to-night in the city of Peterborough marks an epoch in the history of our branch of the Canadian Medical Association, in that for the first time in our history, we have elected to hold our sessions in one of the smaller centres. The burden thus thrown upon a comparative few of our medical brethren has been, as you will agree from the welcome you have already received, most loyally shouldered, and the experiment has become a complete success. On your behalf, I beg to thank Doctor Cameron and the members of the Peterborough Medical Society for their hard, resolute and unflinching labor in the preparation involved for our gathering here this week.

For the first time, too, we meet in conjunction with the Provincial Officers of Health, and I trust that the result of this union of effort will be followed up by a continuation of these combined meetings. It will benefit both associations. United we stand, divided we might fall.

Before proceeding to the subject proper of my address this evening, I must beg your forbearance while I refer to several matters of common interest to us as professional brethren.

We are, as a nation, in the midst of a great war, and we, as a profession, have risen to the emergency in Canada, and therefore naturally in the Province of Ontario.

“Remember when those tales you read
Of rude but honest ‘Canayen,’
That Joliet, La Verandrye,
La Salle, Marquette, and Hennepin,
Were all true ‘Canayen’ themselves—

* Delivered at Peterborough, Ontario, May 26th.