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ADDRESS OF HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Mr. President, Honorable Gentlemen of the Bench and Fellow Members of the Bar:

It is one of the prize diversions of the people north of the line to come down periodically and enjoy the sweets of hospitality from the people of this Republic. I am grateful to have been the choice of the Canadian Bar Association at this time and particularly so because of the cordial terms in which the Chair has referred to your neighbors to the north.

Lest I forget, may I express my gratitude and sincere appreciation of the graceful courtesy and tribute to my country displayed by the singing of our anthem.

You, Mr. Chairman, have stated—and I do not want the statement to carry more weight than it deserves—that I have been twice Prime Minister of Canada. This is correct, but I hold all belts and records for brevity in both terms of office. (Laughter.)

My purpose to-night is very definitely fixed in my own mind, but before coming to its execution may I make some reference to a speech of much learning which I heard from the distinguished jurist to my right. It was indeed an experience of instruction and pleasure to listen to it all and particularly his reference to the position that the members of the Bar of all countries hold in the establishment and maintenance of law and order. Wherever you find a competent Bar you find ordered liberty. The members of your profession are the sentinels of the reign of law. I think it was Sir Edward Clark who lately said that there would never be, whether through war or peace, any question of the survival of civilization as long as there remained a competent advocate and a conscientious judge.

The most remarkable difference between us and you that we observe from the north is in the selection of judges. Yours are elected by the people; ours appointed by the recognized authorities of the State. The difference is marked, indeed. But I heard one man in Canada, who had

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