

approved of and seconded by all true men, by all the real friends of Federal institutions in Canada. If comparisons were not odious, as says the proverb, I could easily show a contrast between the position we occupy in Canada under the National regime and that which we occupied under the administrations which have preceded us. The English speaking population is too jealous of its independence and of its liberty, not to despise men who would be so craven as to allow themselves to be crushed by usurpation or tyranny, and not to sympathize with us who have acted as citizens, proudly and energetically vindicating our rights.

All the delegates, distinguished men every one of them, departed full of admiration and enthusiasm for our Province and its people. Most of them were accompanied by their wives and with these ladies they met the elite of our society in those sympathetic social gatherings to which the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant and the professional man were invited, so that the delegates had an opportunity of meeting the various classes of our society and of admiring their intelligence and politeness, and returned to their homes with a high and correct idea of our province, of its resources and its future.

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It is an amusing pastime to read all that the Tory Press has published about the Conference. They commenced by representing it as a pic-nic, an unimportant meeting, a business which could only result in the discomfiture of those who had organized it. The more audacious did not hesitate to say that the Ministers from the other Provinces would not accept our invitation and would decline coming to Quebec.

Then were our worthy Blues in glee and jubilation!

But our invitation was cordially accepted by the Governments of all the great Provinces and then the jubilation of the Bleus sensibly diminished.

To keep up a little countenance, they fell back upon the uselessness of such a step; but deception was again in store for them: the Boards of Trade of Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, composed of business men who are the most influential and wealthy men of those great commercial cities, addressed the Conference,