

APPENDIX Q.

To His Excellency Baron Lisgar, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G. Governor General of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, desire anew to give expression to our feelings of respect and esteem for your Excellency as Her Majesty's Representative in this Dominion.

It gives us peculiar pleasure to congratulate your Excellency on the very great prosperity which, during the past year has attended the varied interests of our rapidly progressing country. We are thankful to the Giver of all good for the peace we are privileged to enjoy. Our earnest hope is that the development of our vast resources will be continuous, and that, with the blessing of God, our Dominion will speedily assume a still more prominent position in wealth, influence and enlightenment. Deeply conscious of the fact that without the healthful aid of religious truth, material prosperity in itself must ever be comparatively little avail, it will be our constant endeavour to promote the cultivation of religious knowledge, to inculcate the principles of the Christian faith and to foster that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

We regret to learn that your Excellency is soon to relinquish those honourable and weighty duties which, as Her Majesty's Representative in this Dominion, you have faithfully and successfully discharged. We will always remember with gratitude that it was during your Excellency's administration that Confederation was brought to a successful issue. It must ever be gratifying to your Excellency to reflect that it has been your Excellency's privilege to sanction many important measures which cannot fail, in the kind providence of God, to contribute largely towards the material progress and commercial greatness of this country.

We respectfully desire to convey to your Excellency the assurance that we shall hold in grateful remembrance the many benefits which your Excellency has been instrumental in conferring on this Dominion.

That it may please Almighty God to vouchsafe unto your Excellency and Lady Lisgar every spiritual and temporal blessing, is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod, at Kingston, this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two years.

JOHN HOGG, D.D.,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.