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this cannot be cemented by the publication of vain
vaticinations. This great part of our great Empire has a
natural and warm feeling for our republican brethren,
whose fathers parted from us a century ago in anger and
bloodshed. May this natural affection never die. It is
like a love which is borne by a younger brother to an elder,
so long as the big brother behaves handsomely and kindly.
I may possibly know something of the nature of such
affection, for as the eldest of a round dozen, I have had
experience of the fraternal relation as exhibited by an
unusual number of younger brothers. Never have I
known that fraternal tie to fail, but even its strength has
its natural limit, so Canada's affection may be measured.
None of my younger brothers, however fond of me, would
voluntarily ask that his prospects should be altogether
overshadowed and swallowed up by mine. So Canada, in
words which our neighbours understand, wishes to be their
friend but does not desire to become their food. She
rejoices in the big brother's strength and status, but is not
anxious to nourish it by offering up her own body in order
that it may afford him, when over-hungry, that happy
festival he is in the habit of calling a "square meal." I
must ask you now once more to allow me, gentlemen, to
express my acknowledgments to you for this entertainment.
It affords another indication of the feelings with which the
citizens of Winnipeg regard any person who has the
honour as the head of the Canadian Government to
represent the Queen, you recognise in the Governor-General
the sign and symbol of the union which binds together
in one the free and kindred peoples whom God has set