

THE DEESIDE FIELD

father and mother sacrificed to enable me to have the benefits of a full education, which they never had,



MR. MACKENZIE KING AT LADYSFORD.

I should never have been Prime Minister of my country.

"In accepting this honour, I think also of John King of Tyrie, who went out from Aberdeen to uphold the

rights of the Crown, and whose remains lie to-day within the walls of Quebec. In accepting your Freedom to-day, I take it not because of any merit of my own, but because of what he represented as a son of Scotland, and because I am proud to bear his name.

"My last words are to the children assembled here. If you wish to help your country, the Empire, and the whole world, try through your lives to develop in every way goodwill as between country and country, as between race and race, religion and religion, class and class, and man and man. That and that alone will cure the ills of the world and give us a civilization we all greatly need at this time.

"In doing that you will be faithful to the motto of your great city, for 'Bon-Accord' is the secret of the world's security to-day."

At the Civic Luncheon which followed, in responding to the toast of his health proposed by the Lord Provost, Mr. Mackenzie King took what he said might be his last opportunity in public before returning to Canada to express gratitude for the hospitality extended to Dominion visitors who had come to this country for the Coronation.

Expressing his great pleasure at being a Freeman of the City, he again referred to the City of Aberdeen's motto, "Bon-Accord," in which lay the secret of the world's need to-day. The world was in a very troubled condition; there was no quarter of the globe that was not suffering from unrest and uncertainty. He was convinced that no solution would be found except the one which was in the hands of all, and in which all would have to take a hand, and that was in an attitude of goodwill.

"I believe," he said, "that these old islands are going to help, along with the Dominions, to show the world



From Sketch by Mr. William Henry

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