

signs point to a time of national expansion, which, under the fostering care of a wise and sympathetic administration, is a sure augury of a great and brilliant future. We are assured of the hearty sympathy of Your Excellency in this mighty work, and feel confident, that in so far as lies in your power, you will strenuously assist in carrying it on.

To Her Excellency Lady Grey, we are also pleased to extend a cordial welcome, and hope to find in her a worthy successor to her predecessor, Lady Minto. We already know somewhat of the high esteem in which she is held both at home and abroad, and doubt not but that she will find abundant scope in her new sphere for the exercise of those qualities of head and heart of which she is possessed. So far as lies in the power of our citizens, we can assure Her Excellency that nothing shall be lacking on their part which may tend to make her sojourn amongst them a period of unalloyed happiness and satisfaction.

Again, Your Excellency, we bid you welcome to your Canadian home, and express the fervent hope that your residence here may be to you and yours, a happy one, and that it may be signalized by the strengthening of the loving ties which bind us to our King and Motherland, and that whatever high ideals of your office you entertain may find justification and fruition ere you shall be called upon to leave our shores.

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EARL GREY'S REPLY.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN:

The extremely kind and friendly terms of your address, and the welcome extended to us by the people of Ottawa, have deeply touched Lady Grey, my daughters and myself.

I appreciate to the full the compliment you pay me in saying that your welcome to-day is not merely the official reception due to one filling the distinguished position of His Majesty's representative, but has a personal no less than a public aspect. And this for two reasons: first, because I do not come amongst you as a stranger, and second, because I meet you with all the advantage of being my sister's brother.