

presided in Her Majesty's name over the affairs of this Province, whose names will stand beside your own in the future history of the country."

From the speech of V. Hall, Esq., delivered on the same occasion, we quote the following: "This appointment is the first proof that has been given that Canada is something more than a colony. Through our own indomitable energy we have placed ourselves in such a position that the British Empire now considers us a part of itself. We have earned it by our appearance at the Great Industrial Exhibition, and now Britain thinks it desirable to obtain from us a part of our talent. If we make such giant strides in the future as we have done in the past, England will certainly begin to look upon us as the Mother Country! Gentlemen, England has treated us with a liberal and generous spirit, and now we may look upon ourselves as a nation and not as a colony. Yet we have that affection for her, that we are bound to her stronger than before. She has now so much confidence in our stability and our loyalty that she leaves us without a single soldier to protect her interests, well knowing that we are now ready and willing to defend them ourselves."

The eloquent and patriotic speeches of the Honorable Post-master General Spence, at Brantford, Oxford, and London, furnish abundant material for our purpose, but we restrict ourselves to the following extracts:

"A predecessor of my honorable friend found it difficult several years ago to raise £30,000 in the English market on the bonds of the Province. What is our position now? I need not tell you gentlemen, what amount might now be got. These advantages have resulted from our municipal institutions, our wholesome jury laws, our educational system and from the other measures which have been so successfully given to the country."

Gentlemen, I confess that what I myself lately saw when I came into this great western country—when I saw the consequences of our great railroad system—when I saw the blocks of buildings, gigantic edifices, commodious hotels, springing up as it were in the wilderness—when I see every man engaged actively in the prosecution of his own affairs—when I see all men happy and glad—capital in full requisition—land doubling and trebling in value—produce of all kinds meeting a ready sale—and, when I saw, as I did, on coming along, fifty-five cars loaded with the produce of the farmers, and going to a distant market, to bring back money in return, to this country—when I see all this, I begin to think of the time when my honorable friend had to strike out a system by which our public schools could be supported, I think of the time when Mr. Hincks boldly struck out his scheme for issuing debentures, in order that the schoolmaster might be paid; and when the credit of the Province was so low that he had to resort to some of his own friends to convert this paper into money, in order to sustain the credit of the school system." (Great applause.)

Mr. Hincks leaves Canada shortly. Ere fourteen days shall have elapsed, he will have left the shores of this his adopted country. We all wish that he may return in the evening of his days to have his heart gladdened at our prosperity. What has he left behind? Look at that municipal system by which you have been enabled to produce works as vast as any in England or in the world. Look at that system in all its ramifications—look at our Legislature—now freed from parish business, which made that legislation contemptible in bygone years. What Canadian heart but feels light now at the position which his country occupies in the world, when he can land at Liverpool or London, or any of the great cities of Europe, and say, I am a Canadian! Look at our educational system—our beautiful common school-houses, and our grammar schools which are being dotted over the whole surface of our country."

The following is the remainder of the addresses presented to Sir Edmund Head, during his recent tour, with His Excellency's replies. The *Hamilton Spectator* of the 3rd instant states, that while in that city, the Governor General intimated to the School Trustees his desire of visiting the Central School before leaving for the Seat of Government. Punctual to the time appointed, His Excellency, accompanied by Sir Allan McNab, was received at the school by the Trustees and the Head Master. His Excellency visited each of the classes in the School, and listened with evident satisfaction to the recitations, particularly to examinations in astronomy and philosophy, with which he was pleased to express himself highly gratified, as also with the exercises in reading and arithmetic.

Among those present on the occasion were several of our leading citizens. At the conclusion of His Excellency's visit, O. Springer, Esq., Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, presented the following address:—

We the Trustees and other officers of Common Schools in the City of Hamilton, beg leave on the occasion of your Excellency's visit to the Public Schools of this city, to express our feelings of respectful

consideration to Your Excellency, and our grateful acknowledgments for the distinction thus conferred upon our schools for the first time by a representative of Her Majesty. This attention on the part of Your Excellency is the more cheering to us, from the fact of its being spontaneous, nor would it have been unsolicited by us, but that the inspection of local Common Schools has not usually been among the subjects deemed suitable to be intruded upon the attention of those holding your Excellency's exalted rank. The Common Schools of this city, forming part of the great Provincial system so munificently established by the Legislature, afford the opportunity of a rudimentary education to all classes. Our schools are free of expense to those who seek education, upon the principle which affirms the right to this kind of instruction to be as common to every member of the community as the right of personal liberty, or amenability to the laws. We beg on this occasion to advert to the fact that our Public School system is not matured although projected on a noble basis, and its departments worked with admirable ability; and we would hail this present mark of your Excellency's attention, not only as an evidence of deep interest in this great subject, but also as an earnest of your Excellency's enlightened aid in rendering the system yet more efficient. In conclusion, we would express the lively satisfaction with which we, in common with all our fellow-citizens, have observed your Excellency's progress through Western Canada, evincing as it does a determination to know from actual observation the requirements and capabilities of this new and extensive country, and we devoutly trust that Providence may daily confer upon us as a people the advantage of your Excellency's Administration of our affairs.

His Excellency was pleased to reply, in substance as follows:—That the degree of interest felt by him in our Schools should not be measured by the length of time which he could devote to his present visit, which was necessarily limited, on account of being obliged to hasten to Toronto; that he was highly gratified by his present inspection of the School, and felt that its management reflected great credit on the Head Master. That he would avail himself of some future opportunity of again visiting the School, when he felt no doubt that his present favorable impressions would be greatly strengthened. His Excellency further complimented the interest which was exhibited by our citizens in the establishment and maintenance of our present admirable system of Schools.

On the 2d instant the Governor General reached Toronto. Among the various addresses presented on his arrival were the following:—

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

We the Officers and Members of University College, desire to approach your Excellency with renewed assurances of our devoted loyalty to Her Majesty, and with the expression of our confident expectations of the beneficial results that will accrue to the Province from your Excellency's administration of its government. Connected as we are with an institution intended, under your Excellency's visitatorial supervision to disseminate literary and scientific knowledge and to promote the interests of the community by diffusing the blessings of Education of a high order, we feel that we may justly anticipate your Excellency's countenance and support in the important work in which we are engaged. Nor can we doubt that such encouragement will be freely extended, when we call to mind that your Excellency has yourself had practical knowledge of the advantages which arise from the culture afforded by similar institutions,—and that you have already evinced, as the Governor of a sister Colony, your appreciation of the benefits of academic training. Permit us most respectfully to offer our cordial welcome on your arrival in our city, and to add our hope that your residence in Toronto may be as agreeable to yourself and your Excellency's family, as we feel persuaded it will be to us and to our fellow-citizens.

REPLY.

I am happy to acknowledge the great importance of your excellent Educational Institution, the advantages of which I fully appreciate. While thanking you for the intended compliment, I cannot venture to anticipate the beneficial results you confidently expect will accrue from my administration of the important trust it has pleased Her Majesty to charge me with. I return you my sincerest thanks for the cordial welcome you have extended to me.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

We, the Vice-Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Trinity College, Toronto, beg leave to tender to your Excellency our respectful congratulations, upon your entrance on your official residence in this city. We are assured that your Excellency cannot, in your public capacity, be indifferent to any effort which is made to promote sound learning within this Province: and we trust that we may, on our part, never forget the peculiar obligations under which institutions, such as that which we represent, must ever lie to the cause of order and of loyalty. Permit us, Sir, to add that we recognize, with the highest satisfaction, in the person of your Excellency, a member of one of the ancient Universities of England, whose distinguished