

Grace said that he came from old Quebec, the mother Church, to hail the success which had crowned a worthy branch of the parent stem. He concluded by wishing health and happiness to their Lordships Bishop McIntyre and Rogers, to whom he offered his hearty congratulations.

His Grace Archbishop Lynch, after some witty remarks, in which he took exception to Archbishop O'Brien's exaltation of islands over continents—spoke of the beauty and fertility of Prince Edward Island. It might be true that the inhabitants of islands were large minded, but he could say that in his Province of Ontario, in which the Catholics were only a very small minority, they had their separate schools—a striking proof of large mindedness that islands might copy with profit. He was, he said, returning home with a very high opinion of the "Garden of the Gulf." He had often heard of it, but had thought rumour exaggerated. His Grace further eulogized the hospitality of the people, and related an anecdote of a Kentucky man who undertook to describe Heaven. Finding himself at a loss for a metaphor, he wound up by saying it was a "Kentucky of a Heaven." Ireland, being His Grace's native land, and Prince Edward Island bearing as close a resemblance to Ireland as any place he had ever seen, he said he would, therefore, conclude his remarks by calling it an "Ireland of an Island."

Archbishop O'Brien said he was better at making a speech the day after a dinner, than an after dinner speech. On the following day a thousand bright things would occur to his mind that would be most suitable. He thought His Grace of Toronto somewhat inconsistent in his humorous remarks. While extolling continents at the expense of islands, he could find no brighter praise for this country than to call it an Ireland of a place. Now, Ireland is an island. Moreover, the genius of His Grace of Toronto comes from the fact of his being a native of an island. He congratulated their Lordships on the celebration of the day, and wished them many more years of successful administration.

Bishop Power, of St. John's, Nfld., expressed his gratification at the celebration of the day, and although delighted to be present, did not think that Newfoundland favored Confederation with Canada at present. Possibly in the future the maritime portion