

Canada played an important and distinguished part, we have had the opportunity of availing ourselves of the valuable services of His Excellency during the crucial period of the war, as well as in the peace which has so happily followed.

His Excellency represents a family which for generations rendered distinguished service in the interests of the Empire, and during the period he has filled the high office of Governor General in Canada he has added lustre to services already rendered by his family to the state.

Her Excellency likewise before coming to Canada was closely identified with us through her distinguished father, the Earl of Lansdowne, who for some years filled the office of Governor General in Canada so acceptably and popularly as not to be forgotten by the Canadian people. It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure, some five years ago, that we welcomed Her Excellency to our shores as the consort of His Excellency in the high office assigned to him.

During the time Their Excellencies have been in Canada, they have filled this important office to the satisfaction of our people, in a way not exceeded by any of their predecessors. Their Excellencies have visited all parts of the Dominion and have been welcomed by our people wherever they have gone, and have created an impression in the popular mind that will long be remembered.

Their Excellencies have identified themselves with our many institutions by a sympathy and an interest which have deeply appealed to our people. During the five years they have been with us, they have gone in and out among our people as if to the manner born, and Canada has appreciated most deeply the sympathetic interest they have evinced in all the features of our National life.

His Excellency has been a wise administrator. He has recognized to the full the freedom of our representative institutions and the free expression of the popular will. The surest way of maintaining the good relations between Canada and the Empire is through the greatest possible freedom being recognized in the governing institutions of Canada and those of the Empire. It is needless to say that in the wise administration of His Excellency as Governor General of Canada that freedom has never been in the least degree fettered, but has been given that wide scope of expression which is best calculated for the development of our representative institutions.

The ties of the Empire have thus been strengthened during His Excellency's tenure of office in Canada. He has reflected in his own person that peculiar tie of kinship between the mother country and ourselves by which Canada's loyalty to the heart of the Empire is strengthened as time goes on.

As Their Excellencies have from time to time come in contact with our people, the gracious consideration and thought shown by Her Excellency, particularly in all matters relating to the social life of Canada, have peculiarly impressed our people. Thus, in taking a retrospect of the five years that Their Excellencies have been amongst us, we recall with the utmost satisfaction the very pleasant relations which have been maintained during their term of office.

It is, therefore, with the deepest regret that, upon the expiration of Their Excellencies residence in Canada, we are thus called upon to say farewell. We shall always cherish the most pleasing memories of His Excellency's administration in the high office which he filled with such distinction, and the grace and charm with which Her Excellency has surrounded official life in Government House. Canada will always feel assured, upon the return of Their Excellencies to England, that she has in the mother country—in the very heart of the Empire—amongst her staunchest and most loyal friends Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Their Excellencies with their family in leaving Canada carry with them the deepest regret of our people in the severance of the official relations which united them to Canada for the last five years, and they carry with them the best wishes of our people for their future welfare and happiness.

I have very great pleasure, therefore, in moving, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bostock:

That the Senate doth unite with the House of Commons in this Address to His Excellency the Governor General by filling up the blank space with the words "Senate and."

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, it gives me very much pleasure to join with my honourable friend the leader of the Government in seconding this Address to His Excellency upon the termination of his term of office. His Excellency came to this country as Governor General at a time when the condition of the country was a serious one, and when we were all very much in doubt as to what was going to be the result of the war in which we were