

"Let us all work for union in our great country. Let us remember that there are hundreds of questions on which honest people have a right to their views whilst at the same time it is their duty to respect those who have different views. Let us realize that the strength of a cause is in proportion to the moderation of those who defend it, without ceding anything that rightly belongs to them and without ever going beyond their rights.

"Let us also accustom ourselves to see the good side of others, never to attribute to them bad intentions which often they do not have; bad intentions are like pence, to give them to others one must have them himself.

"Be charitable and we shall have taken the best means of having union, to live in peace and in that state of affection which constitutes the charm of existence.

"God grant that the citizens of the various nationalities in Canada may realize that they must love and not hate each other; they will then admire the good qualities, each of the other, they will overlook the faults, each of the other, they will work hand in hand, for the welfare of a country which they have a right to love, which they will love and serve, even though not speaking the same language. As long as God gives me life I will work for such a union." (Loud applause).

Should we not all be inspired and guided by these noble and patriotic sentiments? We have here to-night a striking illustration of that fraternity that should always exist between Canadians. To the immediate right of the President of the St. Patrick's Society is seated the worthy President of the Irish-Protestant Benevolent Society, close to him we see the President of L'Association Saint-Jean Baptiste, the national society of the French-Canadians and at this table too we have the representatives of the Scotch, the English, the Welsh and the Jewish organizations, all forming a happy and united family of true, staunch, patriotic Canadians. It is an inspiring spectacle; it is as it always should be and, let us hope, as it always will be in our country. (applause).

We have, as I said, every reason to be proud of our great Dominion and confident as to its future and as the distinguished head of our own great Province, Sir Lomer Gouin, (applause) has well said we must all work ceaselessly and without faltering for the development, welfare and greatness of the Canadian Confederation. We can only do so in union and harmony as fellow-countrymen, as fellow-Canadians.

The history of the past furnishes the lesson that should guide and inspire us in the future. Fifty-three years ago the founders of the Canadian nation, animated by the most unselfish patriotism, the

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