

VICE-ROYALTY AT OSGOODE HALL.

ward Blake came forward and read the following—

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, K.T., G.C.M.G., Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—The Law Society of Upper Canada, on behalf of the Bar of Ontario, heartily welcomes your Excellency and H. R. H. the Princess Louise to Osgoode Hall, the seat of the profession and of the Provincial Courts.

The Bar, concerned, as it is, in the exposition and enforcement of the laws, has ever taken an active interest in political institutions framed upon the British system, which has been well said to embody the rule of law.

Among the numerous distinctions of your Lordship's House it is recorded that the first strong declaration of the fundamental principle that some one must be responsible for every act of the Crown was made a hundred and forty years ago by the Duke of Argyll of that day. A century later our people were agitated by the claim of her Majesty's subjects in North America to the practical application of that principle to their local government. And now after a long experience has proved the wisdom of its concession, we hail your Excellency's arrival among us in the confident belief that you will approve yourself an eminently constitutional Governor, and we beg to assure your Excellency of our sincere attachment to the Queen, under whose benign sway her people in this province have so greatly prospered.

We receive with the utmost pleasure Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, who is dear to us not only as the daughter of our Queen, but also by reason of her ample recognition and conscientious discharge of the responsibilities of her exalted station, and we earnestly wish for your Excellency and her Royal Highness a long career of prosperity and happiness.

EDWARD BLAKE,
Treasurer.

Osgoode Hall,
Toronto, 10th Sept., 1879.

The Governor-General then read the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,—I return to you my heartfelt thanks for the eloquent expression of your loyalty to the Queen, the head of that free Empire whose just and equal laws it is your duty to illustrate and your privilege to enforce.

I do not know that any better instance of the importance of the Canadian Bar, and of the great

position occupied by the body I have now the honour to address in the capital of Ontario, can be adduced than by these facts:—The Queen's Representative has, at the present moment, as chief adviser, a gentleman drawn from your ranks; and in the Chancellor of the University and your present spokesman we are welcomed by one who, while he fills the Chancellor's chair with such distinction, has also held office in a Dominion Government.

In the presence among the statesmen of the country of so many who owe their rise to ability displayed at the Bar, we see another resemblance in the young land to that old country from whom it is your boast to have derived your descent, and whose practice and custom in all affairs of government are here receiving a fresh and striking confirmation of the wisdom of that patience which has allowed our law to broaden, like our freedom, from precedent to precedent.

It is alone to your profession that your fellow-citizens have recourse for advice in affairs that touch both private and public life; and how widely spread are the individual interests placed in your hands in the single Province of Ontario alone. Your jurisdiction extends over territory greater than many of the ancient kingdoms of the Old World, and this is considering one Province only. In cases where life may be forfeit to the law, evidence coming from countries widely separate as are Nova Scotia and British Columbia, has to be weighed and sifted by the responsible Minister of Justice in the Dominion Government, while the highest placed among you, namely, they who occupy a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court, have to consider questions perhaps as complicated and involving consequences of as great importance as are settled by the chiefs of any Bar. Questions of constitutional law, affecting materially relations of the State, are submitted to the opinions of Judges whose ability and independence would be an honour to the oldest State in Europe.

The Princess thanks you for the welcome given to her by the members of the Law Society, and I hope that you will be disposed to accord to me when my term of office is finished the credit of a desire to develop to the full in Canada those constitutional principles to which you have made allusion, and which have been so happily recognized during the long reign of our Sovereign the Queen.

LORNE.

Mr. Blake, then, by permission of his Excellency, alluded to the presence of Mr. Secretary Evarts. He referred to the impeachment of the President of the United States and to the Geneva