

Sherbrooke, have the honor to congratulate your Excellency upon your safe arrival, and to bid you welcome to our Town, and to assure your Excellency that it affords us great pleasure to receive a statesman for whom, though personally a stranger, we entertain the highest regard, and whom we delight to honor as the Representative of our Sovereign.

In this, your visit, to the Eastern Townships, you have had occasion to pass over a portion of that magnificent railway, which, through the fostering care of our Government, has opened up our country, hitherto isolated, and now affords to the inhabitants of the Eastern Townships easy access to and from the principal cities of the Province, and contributes vastly to their convenience as well as material prosperity.

We trust that your Excellency will extend your trip, as far as the limited time your Excellency's public duties will admit of your absence from the seat of Government, and hope the appearance of our country, and the cordial reception you may receive from the inhabitants, may so favourably impress you that at some future time, not far distant, your Excellency may again honour us with a visit.

The occasion that calls your Excellency among us is one that will long be remembered by the inhabitants of this portion of the Province; as it affords an opportunity to bring into competition the products of this section of the Province with those of other districts—thus tending to disseminate among the people a knowledge of the improvements in agriculture and mechanics, and to elicit a legitimate and healthy spirit of emulation.

When we contrast the peaceful object for which we are assembled, with the events now occurring in the East, we have every reason to be thankful for the peace and plenty with which Providence has blessed us in this portion of her Majesty's dominions; and though not privileged to share in the glorious struggle for the rights of nations, and mental and moral progress, in which the mother country is now engaged, we would tender your Excellency our hearty good wishes for the success of the Allies, and pray God that their arms may be victorious.

We again beg to offer your Excellency and Lady Head our best wishes for a pleasant trip through the Townships, and for the continued good health of yourself and family, and we hope this visit may leave upon your Excellency's mind no other than pleasing recollections. (Signed)

A. P. BALD, Mayor of Sherbrooke.

To which His Excellency was pleased to reply:—"It is with much pleasure that I have made this, my first visit, to the Eastern Townships. I have long known and fully estimated the high importance of this tract of country, when compared with others in the Lower Province. I thank you for the very kind manner in which you have welcomed me to it, and I assure you I have looked

forward to the visit with much satisfaction. I feel that the beauty of your country, the fertility of its soil, and its relation to the Province and Agriculture, makes it well worthy the countenance of all who have the general good at heart. The welcome with which you have received me is most agreeable to my own feelings, and marks in a conspicuous manner your loyalty and attachment to your Sovereign. I pray heartily that you may realize to their fullest extent all the bright hopes you have formed from the opening up and extending your communication with other places. I trust that the railway, over a portion of which I have come to visit you, may develop fully your extensive resources, and may extend civilization among you, as it gives you frequent and fast means of resort to your home, country, and markets."—The reply was received with loud and continued cheering.

A Deputation from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, consisting of the Clergy and Members of Convocation whose names are attached to the address, was then presented. They were all attired in full Academic Costume. The Very Reverend Principal Nicholls read the following Address:—

*To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER
HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of
British North America, &c., &c., &c.*
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Principal, Professors, and other Members of the University of Bishop's College, gladly availing ourselves of the opportunity afforded by Your Excellency's visit to the Eastern Townships, approach your person for the purpose of tendering to the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign the expression of humble duty and loyalty; and desire, at the same time to welcome Your Excellency to the portion of the Province in which the Institution, over which we preside, is established.

Entertaining a just pride in the position already taken among the nations of the world by this, our native or adopted country, with regard to agriculture, commerce, and manufacturing ingenuity, we feel that your Excellency's presence on this occasion affords such a manifestation of your desire to promote and encourage all pursuits of this nature, as cannot fail to give them a strong additional impulse. At the same time your Excellency's distinguished career in one of the Universities of our Fatherland, and your intimate acquaintance with the circumstances and history of the American Colonies, warrant us in believing that you fully appreciate the importance of a corresponding development of moral growth, stability of character, and advancement and diffusion of literature, science, and the polite arts. We venture, therefore, to express our hope that, under your Excellency's auspicious rule, the Universities and higher educational institutions of these Colonies, though now, for the most part, struggling with difficulties incidental to their infancy, and partly occasioned by a

popular misunderstanding of their objects and capabilities, may receive the fostering care and protection which is necessary to enlarge their present usefulness, and fit them for contributing efficiently to the future greatness of British North America.

In taking leave of your Excellency, we would thankfully express our acknowledgement of your Excellency's evident desire, in visiting the Eastern Townships, to identify yourself with the welfare of the country at large; and it is our earnest prayer to Almighty God that you may long continue to represent our beloved Queen in administering the Government of a united, contented and prosperous people.

SIXEN.—Jasper Hume Nicolls, M. A., Principal and Professor of Classics; H. H. Miles, M. A., Vice-Principal and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; J. Henry Thompson, A. M., Professor of Divinity and Hebrew; Edward Chapman, M. A., Registrar; Hollis Smith, Trustee; J. S. Sanborn, M. A.; J. T. Brooks, M. D. M. A.; Jas. B. Johnson, M. D. M. A.; Edward Hale, Trustee M. A.; G. F. Bowen, A. M., Trustee; E. D. Worthington, A. M. M. D.; B. T. Morris, A. M., Trustee; H. L. Felton, M. A.; Thos. W. Ritchie, M. A.; G. M. Douglas, M. D. M. A.; Wm. Baker, M. A.; C. P. Reid, M. A., Trustee.

In reply, His Excellency said, he regretted exceedingly that the shortness of his stay in the Eastern Townships would prevent him from visiting the institution which they presided over. He regretted this because he felt the importance of what they had alluded to in their address—the hearing which science and literature has on a new country, and habits and characters of the people among whom they flourish. He could easily imagine the influence which a new institution, such as Bishop's College, would have upon the community within which it was placed; and he was sorry that he could not visit and judge for himself how these practical principles were applied, which lay at the root of all sound learning and knowledge. Whatever Government could do to support institutions of the kind, he was sure it *would* do gladly and willingly; and they might depend upon it he would look with an anxious eye to the progress of Bishop's College, and also to its future prosperity. It was his earnest hope that it might be a great means of supporting and confirming those who became members of it, all that might tend to the interest of true religion and virtue.

The members of the Corporation and several other gentlemen were then presented to His Excellency by the Mayor, after which a procession was formed to the residence of—Hemiker, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of the British American Land Company, where the Governor General and his suite were entertained. Shortly after one o'clock they proceeded to the Exhibition grounds, and were received by Major Campbell, the President and the Members of the Committee. The former presented the following Address: