

greater in extent than this great republic of yours, of which you are so proud, that does not bear with it the echo of "Free" which calls to every son of ours to have pride in its possibilities. The utmost confidence in its future. That idea has been well expressed in "Free" regard by one of our Canadian poets, who, writing upon the subject, said:

"There is no land like our land,  
Where, mistress of our own,  
We lead the breed of empire  
To guard the ancient throne.  
The old land keeps a welcome,  
And the alien frowns to see,  
But this land is our land,  
And Canada is free."

That, Mr. Toastmaster, and gentlemen, is where this great Canadian land stands to which I am so proud to belong.

The motherland has profited more than language can express by the mistake she made in 1776. Enthralled with foreign wars, with statesmen who, for the time being, were occupied with problems which concerned the fate of the nation at its center, every man of British blood today realizes that the history of the relations of the mother country with the United States of America, her greatest colony at that time, is the greatest blot on the whole history of the British Empire. But when the relief came after the wars were over, and the good Queen Victoria came to the throne, with her long reign of sixty years, there came a time when a greater conception as to the rights and possibilities of the nation over seas was born. That was the time when statesmen at the council met who knew the seasons when to take occasion by the hand and make the bounds of freedom wider yet, and so it was that there came to us in Canada our right of responsible government; where our free parliament can, without any veto whatever from the imperial representative, legislate in accordance with whatever the interests of the Canadian people may be; that was the right accorded us and which we enjoy, and that policy was followed wherever the flag flies. Look at South Africa, where the most complete measure of free government has been given.

en. In 1900 General Botha led the men who occupied what was then a republic in South Africa, the most successful general in the army which fought against Great Britain then; immediately after the war was over there was given to South Africa the same free government that we in Canada enjoy. And today on that great continent, where the interests of our empire were impetioned then, who is it that leads the army of our nation against the foe? Who but this man who only fifteen short years ago might be deemed to be a rebel and was the man who led the enemies of Great Britain and who fought against the empire on the field.

### America First and Last.

I want to say to you, representing as you do this splendid metropolitan city of the middle west, a city typical of your great nation, where gathered here from all parts of the old world are men of every race and speech, where you are performing a task of building together a unity of sentiment and national spirit, there should be a feeling that the men who live on this side of the water should have one aim in common, no matter from what land they come or what speech they have learned, and should be animated by the idea that you are Americans always. I earnestly want you to understand what a splendid conception of government we have in that northern country of ours, and how it is we are able to govern ourselves as we do and to look forward to the building up in the northern half of the continent, of a nation apart from but friendly to your nation with just as much freedom and as complete representative government as you to the south enjoy.

### No Celebration in Canada.

But, my friends, this is St. Andrew's Day, and I do not know that it would have been possible for me to have accepted your generous invitation to come here were it not for the fact that we are not celebrating St. Andrew's Day in Canada this year. True you have had commemorative telegrams from St. Andrew Societies throughout our land, as read by our Toastmaster tonight, but from Sydney