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Pronounced at the

MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY

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ON DECORATION DAY,

30TH MAY 1899.

COMRADES :

Thirty-three years ago, on this anniversary of the month of May, a strange and striking sight was witnessed for the first time in every part of the American Union ; men, who, then, were yet in the full developement of their manhood, dressed in military garb, were seen filing on through streets and roadways, escorting chariots bedecked with the national colors, and loaded with the choicest and freshest flowers of spring.

Whither were they directing their steps ?

To the stranger or the uninitiated, this gorgeous pageant might have been mistaken for a triumphal ovation prepared for the purpose