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the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia, the nobility, in the persons of the Earl of Aberdeen and Earl Grey, and men and women eminent in every walk of life—statesmen, soldiers, writers and others famous in their professional callings.

The whole scene was exceedingly beautiful. The great hall with its brilliant illumination, its fine decorations, its profusion of beautiful plants and flowers, its orchestra discoursing the sweetest music, and crowded with the elite of London's social life and hundreds of visitors from over the seas, all arrayed in their best, flashing with jewels and adorned with knightly orders, presented a spectacle of light and color and animation, which was not only charming but wonderfully impressive. No pains had been spared to make it a great function. Nothing had been omitted that would lend dignity and splendor to the occasion. It was "Canadian Night" and many a traveller from the Dominion renewed his acquaintance with others who lived in some other part of that far spread country and felt thankful to the man who had given him this opportunity.

And it was this which made the occasion so important. It was not only the meeting place of Canadians, but the significance of all this lay in the fact that this function was given by the Canadian High Commissioner. It was an advertisement of the greatness of the young Dominion and a concrete evidence of her wonderful progress. It was, further, a witness to the pride with which Lord Strathcona regarded his adopted country and his anxiety to keep her to the front