

FROM THE CORPORATION AND CITIZENS OF OTTAWA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

On the occasion of your arrival to assume the important position of Governor General of the Dominion, the Council and Corporation of the City of Ottawa, on behalf of its citizens, begs respectfully to tender Your Excellency a hearty welcome, and at the same time to congratulate you upon having been selected by His Most Gracious Majesty to fill the position of his representative. We are proud also to think, that in the first appointment of the kind which His Majesty has had occasion to make, his choice should have fallen upon one so eminently qualified for the position. We feel confident that, viewed in the light of Your Excellency's past records and personal attainments, you will fully justify the wisdom of his choice.

While we welcome Your Excellency as the representative of our beloved Sovereign, we do so also on grounds of both a public and personal nature. You do not come as a stranger. Your many visits to Canada have made you familiar with both the country and the people, while your kinship to the illustrious Lady, to whom we recently bade a reluctant farewell, is another claim upon our sympathies.

We remember also that Your Excellency comes of a ruling race, many of whom have been distinguished in the councils and history of the Empire, and some of them in their official positions were intimately associated with shaping the destiny of our country. We also know of Your Excellency's labours in the cause of social reform in the homeland and the success which you achieved during your administration in South Africa. With such a record of family descent, tried capacity, known integrity and personal qualifications, combined with assiduous attention and knowledge of affairs, we are confidently assured that you will fulfil our most sanguine expectations.

The time of Your Excellency's arrival is an auspicious one. Prosperity reigns within our borders, and our people are happy and contented. Racial and religious prejudices have become things of the past, and the energies and aspirations of our people are being directed in the path of moral, social and intellectual progress, the development of our great natural resources, and the settlement of the great territories in the Northwest, whose fringe has yet been barely touched. All