

past, will continue and be fully maintained in the future. On behalf of my colleagues and myself, and through you, Sir Æmilius, I tender to the Bar a cordial welcome to this new building; and we are fully assured that the members of the Bar will do all that lies within their power, as they always have done I think, in the maintenance of the traditions of the Bar, to perpetuate and maintain the becoming decorum and dignity which should always surround, and has hitherto surrounded, the administration of justice in His Majesty's courts."

Sir Æmilius Irving then addressed the court as follows:—

"You have been good enough to refer to this handsome chamber in the course of the very appropriate remarks that you have made on this auspicious occasion; and I think I may use that term without using it aimlessly. I think it might have been well had those who are more particularly responsible for the details that have been worked out—for instance the Minister of Public Works, the architect, and indeed the Attorney-General himself—been present here to-day; they would have been much gratified to have heard the laudatory remarks that Your Lordship has thought proper to utter with reference to the building in which we are now placed. With reference to the court itself, one finds here a fitting home for the purpose; and, speaking of course not as an expert dealing with architecture, but as one struck with the simplicity, with the perfect good taste that this room presents, one cannot refrain from referring to those qualities, and to its admirable proportions. I think those are matters of great importance, and of satisfaction, not only to the judges themselves who adorn this court, but to the members of the Bar who practice and of the public generally, in knowing that the result of the expenditure by the country upon this very necessary building has been followed by such successful completion. Your Lordship was pleased to speak about the relations between the Bench and the Bar. With reference to the relations of the Bench I do not think it is at all becoming for me from this position to speak. The Bench has always been the great honour of this Province, and it has, accordingly, invariably received that tribute from not only the Bar, but from the public as well. With reference to the Bar, it is upon that point that we can speak. We have no doubt that the Bar will on its part follow out the traditions of the members of the Bar who have preceded us; and we will always remember that the highest tribute to the Bar would be to follow in the footsteps of those great men who have been at the Bar—some of whom have been on the Bench. I beg leave, on behalf