

beloved naval hero—Nelson. For this event was not merely the complete triumph of Britain's navy over a brave and chivalrous foe, but it secured England from the danger of threatened invasion and gave her the unquestioned supremacy of the seas which ever since she has proudly maintained. To other states of Europe Nelson's great victory resulted ultimately in bringing the blessing of peace and in freeing them from the yoke of foreign tyranny. Therefore it is fitting that without distinctions of any kind all Canadians should join with other British subjects the world over in honouring the memory of Nelson and in rejoicing at the blessings he secured for us. It is, perhaps, worthy of remark that when this victory was announced one hundred years ago, the French population of Canada joined with their English fellow citizens in celebrating the event, even as their descendants are doing to-day.

"For the young there are many valuable lessons to be learned from a study of Nelson's life and character, his high sense of honour and fair play, his noble devotion to duty, his fixed determination to win success, his unfailing thoughtfulness and kindness towards his men, which won for him their greatest affection and devotion. When suffering intense agony from a wound he supposed mortal, he yet refused to be treated out of his turn, when he writes that he desires victory, not for his own glory, but to bring peace and happiness to his country, his words and deeds should be inspiring not only to the youth of England, but to those of every land, and to-day his famous message, 'England expects that every man will do his duty,' is one that is full of significance for all of us.

"Children of the city of Ottawa: I have great pleasure in introducing to you His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, and in requesting him to address you in relation to this celebration. The motto of his family—'De bon vouloir servir le roy,' (to serve the King with might and main), is a noble one, and one that has been well lived up to. Two former Governors—Lord Elgin and Lord Durham—were members of his family