

much credit cannot be given to the ladies whose willing hands so rapidly and skilfully accomplished the task in the time allotted to them for the purpose. An excellent dinner (furnished by the Messrs. Carlisle, of the Terrapin, Montreal,) having been discussed, the Chairman rose and said:

Ladies and Gentlemen, the first toast which I have the honor to propose now on this festive occasion, is the same which, whenever subjects of our Gracious Sovereign meet on similar occasions, most appropriately takes precedence of all others, I shall therefore give you, without further preface, "Our Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria: may God bless her!" (Loud and enthusiastic cheers.)

The National Anthem was sung by Major Stevenson, the chorus being taken up by the whole company.

The Chairman, Dr. ALLAN, in proposing the second toast, said:

Ladies and Gentlemen, the next toast on our list is one to which I doubt not you will reply with enthusiasm fully equal to that with which you have just responded. It is only, ladies and gentlemen, a few years since we had the honor of welcoming to our shores our Sovereign's son, our future King, (loud cheers) and the feelings of loyalty and affection which greeted him at every point in our country, must indeed have convinced him that Canada was truly loyal to the British Crown. (Cheers.) You will therefore join with me in drinking health and happiness to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family.

The speech was duly honored amidst great applause and cheers.

The CHAIRMAN, in introducing the next toast, said:

Ladies and Gentlemen, the next toast is one which I may be pardoned in saying I give with more than ordinary pleasure, being that of the Representative of our Sovereign in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions. [Cheers.] A nobleman who, by his truly straightforward, manly course, has endeared himself to *all* classes in our country. [Loud applause.] And, ladies and gentlemen, when I tell you I was present a few days since at his reception in Montreal, on his return there from the land of his birth, and when I saw and heard expressed the feelings of respect and admiration which were lavished on His Excellency by the representatives of the various national and other societies, without distinction of origin or creed,—when I heard the feeling and eloquent replies made by His Excellency to each of those addresses—I could not help feeling a national pride, as I think, perfectly excusable. I did feel proud that he was an *Irishman*, (loud cheers,) worthy of the name, (hear, hear,) and that I had the honor of being a native of that country from which such a truly noble man had sprung. [Applause.] I therefore give you with sincere pleasure, "His Excellency the Governor General," and may he long enjoy that confidence of his Sovereign, and the people over which he now rules, which at present he enjoys. [Loud cheers.]