

*Sept 7 Mr. King's Speech*

Luncheon  
Opening of Central Canada Exhibition  
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~~Mr. President, Your Worship, ladies and gentlemen~~

I thank the President and Directors of the Central Canada Exhibition Association for the honour of inviting me to open the Exhibition on this the year of its Golden Jubilee.

Many thoughts suggest themselves for expression at such a time. The most natural of all, perhaps, is the contrast between the Exhibition of today and the first Exhibition which was opened by the then Governor General, Lord Stanley, in 1888, following the formation of the Central Canada Exhibition Association in 1887. About the one and only thing which remains as it was fifty years ago is the location of the Exhibition, and that may be said to be true only if we direct our attention more to the centre than to the circumference of the area. In nearly every particular the Exhibition has grown beyond recognition.

The Exhibition of 1887 was a tiny affair compared to that of today. To begin with, there was only one building, the Exhibition lasted but one day, and that during the day-time only. There was no exhibition at night. How much fewer in variety, as well as in number the exhibits and attractions were would make an entertaining contrast.

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