

But why should I expatiate on the aspirations and worth of the Royal Society? A friend has just whispered in my ear that it has become a national institution, so essential in fact to the welfare of the country, that should this great Dominion be deprived of a Governor-General or of a Prime-Minister and the Royal Society to boot, it would go to smash and fall to pieces! (laughter and applause.)

We thank you, my Lord, for your bounteous and princely hospitality. We thank you, our Honorary President, for the deep interest you take in our proceedings. Again we thank you, and most cordially, for your delicate, unremitting—shall I say paternal—solicitude for our welfare during our presence in Ottawa. For similar acts of kindness and sweet courtesies to our Society, we thank your noble, earnest, courageous Countess, your trusted help-mate, whom our members seem, one and all, to have in their hearts added to the list of true friends of the Royal Society.

Long and happy days to Your Excellencies in this dear Canada of ours, and when you shall have returned to your ancestral halls beyond the sea, long life and prosperity to you and yours." (Prolonged applause.)

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