

alas! have not now. We have got bright skies and fruitful and boundless fields, and you might take all the land in the dear old country and dump it down in one place in the Northwest without its ever being felt except as a very small and, I fear, a comparatively damp and useless spot in the midst of the waste of wealth of the surrounding prairies. Gentlemen, I have been too long; but you know I am taking my holiday, and when an old horse gets out of the shafts and on to the grass he is very likely to kick up his heels, even at the risk of being taken for an old donkey. Let me give you 'Canada,' God bless her! Do your duty to her! Let my final words be to exhort you with high aim and stout hearts to do your duty to your country. My course is nearly run; yours is all before you. Run it joyfully, for the voice of a nation is calling to you to be great, and the laws of God are inviting you to be happy. Canada—God bless her!

Mr. GEORGEATON responded in French. If a Canadian from choice has such affection for our country, what should one feel who was born on the shores of the St. Lawrence? If Canada be not yet one of the greatest countries of the world, the day will soon come when it will be such. And speaking among the graduates of this University, I feel there are the elements that will make us a great country. The motto of this University, "*Grandescunt aucta labore*," applies equally to Canada. Our country will grow. The various races that compose our people are a source of its strength. I recognize with pleasure that at a meeting composed entirely of English Canadians on Saturday night, Prof. Robidoux, a French gentleman, was unanimously elected President of this society. (Great cheers.) And thus we are all Canadians. Our predecessors have broken the soil, it is our part to work it. We have a lever put in our hands, our graduates are the force that must wield the lever. If our strength is exerted in a good way it will lead to progress, wealth and greatness. The progress must be directed by the universities. In Russia even the nihilists are moved from the universities. But in our country where freedom reigns, the universities must still govern, but never will in the direction of nihilism or communism. In industrial matters we are sometimes told that protection may even stimulate production, but if intellectual produce, there can never be over production never a lack of consumers. I have

spoken chiefly of McGill, but I have a word to say about the supposed effort to draw off our alliance. Gentlemen, the thing is impossible. We are graduates of McGill. McGill is the first university. But McGill is not afraid of competition. We need to have a war of races, now we want competition, or as Americans would say, a race of races. We Latins want to show that though we are outstripped in wealth we claim not to be inferior in the intellectual realm. And McGill has recognized this in conferring the degree of Doctor of Laws on Mr. Frechette, our French-Canadian poet. (Cheers.)

Mr. Geoffrion closed by a few words in English and resumed his seat amid applause.

Mr. ROSWELL FISHER also replied to the toast of Canada, and thought himself a worthy Canadian as far as his aspirations for Canada were concerned. Theirs was a big country though not widely known beyond its borders; though a big country, it had yet to become a great country; individual and national character was wanted. He urged them to make their country a greater Britain and to be themselves greater Britons [applause].

Rev. Dr. STEVENSON, in proposing the health of the Press, said he would not venture upon what Carlyle had called "Satan's Invisible World Displayed," [laughter], but would say that the Press was at least prolific in news and in the creation of new attitudes of language; where fact ended, imagination began, and news, whether true or not, was always more or less striking. [Applause]. Seriously, the Press was a great power in the diffusion of knowledge, which was the safeguard of liberty. The reverend gentleman resumed his seat amidst great cheering, and was followed by

Mr. FRASCHUTZ, replying in French to the toast of 'The Press,' said it was the third time he had had the misfortune, if he might call it so, to speak after the able speakers who had proposed this toast. The most interesting speeches are the shortest. He then referred to the press as the great civilizing agent of this century, and considered its greatest function was to spread the light of science and save from the rocks that wrecks the mariners on the coast.

Dr. KELLY having proposed "Absent Friends," and "The Ladies," having been duly honored, the company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne," all pronouncing the dinner a most marked success.