

the blessings of education, laboring under the heel of religious persecution, and haunted by poverty and disease, Irishmen made the billowy ocean a pathway to the land of the setting sun, where their integrity, manly vigor and religious fervor found a fair field and a fair reward." "Many", said the speaker, "of these sons of Erin worked out their destiny in the republic to the south of us. And if I have one regret to offer as an Irishman, a Canadian, but more still as a Catholic, it is that so many noble Irishmen and staunch Catholics turned towards its United States instead of Canada." He spoke of the welcome extended to the Irish immigrants by French Canadians, he mentioned the names of many distinguished Irish Canadians of the past and of to-day, and in conclusion he said he hoped that "the maple leaf might always be the emblem of as pure, brave and patriotic a race as the tiny three-leaved shamrock is to-day."

Mr. Collin, who spoke in French as representing the French-Canadians, spoke of the link existing between Irish and French-Canadians on account of them possessing the same religious faith. He spoke of the French-Canadians receiving the Irish immigrants of '47 with open arms and intermarrying with them, unions which gave distinguished men like Oscar Dunn, Madeleine Gleason, Dr. J. K. Foran, Emile Nellighan, Chas. Marcil and others. He said that Irishmen and Frenchmen have also the same "patriotic faith", the same attachment to their natal soil, to the traditions of their race, and to the glory and misfortunes of their past. "Moreover", he said, "Irish and Canadians, we have in common the unity of the same land of adoption—the Dominion of Canada—under the protection of a prosperous government, of institutions, and of laws which are the work of our respective representatives and ministers, in a capital in which our alliance balances in number the non-catholic population, in a University where our reciprocal fraternity is bound together, in a banquet which is the expression of sympathy, harmony and concord in the present and hope and vitality in the future."

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Mr. MacDonald referred in glowing terms to the New Arts Building in course of erection asserting that it will be when finished an honor to the University, the city and the country. Then the