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justified all save one. The ideas which were accepted responsible government, the deepening friendship of Canada
with the United States, the "permanency of the connexion" are now so widely appreciated that it is with a feeling of
strangeness that we go back to an age in which they did not
exist - that is, as recently as 1837. It was a supreme
service of Durham's career that in Canada he was prepared to
trust the man on the spot. And so long as that trust remains
mutual, there need be no fear for our relations as people and
governments one with another.

An occasion such as the present recalls how many of these achievements now enshrined in history have become part of the political inheritances of the British race. Within this room are men who have seen during their lifetime the transformation of the political structure which has become the British Commonwealth of Nations; men who have had a part in the shaping and the working of the system of consultation and co-operation which is one of the marks of our collective political achievement. In commenting upon the usefulness of the series of consultations which have lately concluded here, I cannot perhaps do better than allude to a strikingly prophetic judgment by a distinguished Governor-General of Canada.

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