

Mayor of Winnipeg does, from Melrose Abbey, with all its distinguished history and its wealth of wonderful stories, but I come to you as the representative of the Highlanders of Canada, on behalf of forty-five thousand Scots—and representing, as I believe more Scotchmen than any other man in the Parliament of the Dominion. I want to say to you that I represent my friend, John Crerar; you all know him. Crerar belongs to the wrong side of politics. The good old constituency of Pletou has done me the honor of electing me to represent it in the legislative halls of my country for nineteen years, and I perhaps misrepresent Crerar in Ottawa. But I am here largely on account of the fact, I feel sure, that this old Pletonian friend of mine was good enough to suggest to you Scotchmen of Chicago that the representative of his old home constituency, being a Scotchman, might be asked to join you in celebrating St. Andrew's Day.

### Million Men From Land of Heather.

I come to you representing not only that part of the fair dominion, but representing one million sons of the old land, of the men who came from the land of the heath and the heather and who in our land of the mountain and the lake and the land of rushing river cherish with the same devotion as you, the sons of that same old land, do, all the traditions, all the romance, all the history, the song and the inspiration which has carried the Scotchman to success wherever he has gone throughout this wide world. And coming here as I do to you tonight, and speaking, as I am asked to do, to this toast of our dominion to the north, I am proud to say to you that the Scotchmen in Canada have always borne a foremost place in the forty-eight years of our national history.

### Macdonald First Premier.

During twenty-nine years of that time Scotchmen have ruled in Canada. The first great premier of our country was a MacDonald; he laid the foundations of our future; broad and strong are those foundations and upon them we look forward with confidence and certainty to the future of our destiny. Following him was MacKenzie, a Highlander, too; and then again was

Thompson, like the name of your good mayor. I asked your good mayor tonight whether he was a Scotchman; I told him there was a song we had, which you all know about Joek Thompson's bairns, and I said to him that somewhere in his genealogy he must trace his ancestry back there.

There are a great many delusions in regard to the question of the freedom of this dominion of ours, and to which I will refer later, but for the moment I want to emphasize the fact that the premier of our dominion, the leader of the political party of the day, governs the country and is the representative for the time being in the fullest degree of the free people in our country.

### 20th Century Is Canada's.

One of our great statesmen, in paying a tribute to this great nation to which you are so proud to belong, spoke of the fact that the nineteenth century was the century of the United States on this continent, but that the twentieth century was Canada's century. And I want you gentlemen here at the inception of this century, to recall this statement as many of you will live to remember that prediction and realize in the after days the fact that this twentieth century has in store a future and a destiny for those in Canada that many of you can now hardly appreciate.

Already our trade has gone on by leaps and bounds and in the last ten years it has doubled; it has gone beyond the billion dollar mark; and in our agricultural possibilities, had I the exact information at hand, which my friend, the distinguished Mayor of Winnipeg knows, I think I could open your eyes quite a little bit wider as to the tremendous possibilities in store for us, and the wonderful future development that is to be ours in those western prairies, with their illimitable production in grain and wheat and all those things which are regarded by men of other nations as essential to the needs of their people.

### Population Doubled in Twelve Years.

You may say to me that our population is too small, that it is only eight millions. I want to remind you that that population has doubled in the last twelve years. And let me also