

The banquet, tendered the Delegate at Toronto under the auspices of the Catholic Union of which Mr. Justice MacMahon is President, was noteworthy as a brilliant gathering of the representative clergy and laity of Ontario. Very excellent speeches were delivered, The Apostolic Delegate declared that: "He regretted to leave Canada* In his three years residence here he had learned to love Canada above any other country. While he admired the extent of our land, its productions and its beauty, he admired above all the spirit which animated Canadians Although of different races and of different creeds; yet they lived in loyalty and friendship together; and the country was going on its way with its people bound by brotherly love and sure to prosper."

Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Ontario Premier, after a witty compliment to the Bishop of London, Ont., remarked, that, on a similar occasion three years before, the Delegate appeared to him a little lonesome away from sunny Italy. He became less so, as he became acquainted with our Dominion. Any Canadian would appreciate Mgr. Falconio's high encomiums on Canada. The Premier understood that His Excellency came "bearing a message of peace and good will to Canada; he has completely fulfilled that duty. His words to-night showed that he came here, bearing this message, that he was a worthy messenger; and we feel that he has discharged that duty to the whole of the people of Canada; not merely to the people of his own Church, to whom his message was primarily to be delivered, but to all those who bear the name of Canadian, and who are interested, as he is interested, in the peace and prosperity of our beloved Dominion."

The speech of Mayor Howland, of Toronto, seemed to be a rift in the harmony that prevailed. He was glad to be present he said to express the cordial welcome which he was sure the citizens, irrespective of creed, would give to the distinguished representative of His Holiness. He acknowledged the indebtedness of modern civilization to the Roman Catholic Church for its preservation of learning and religion through the dark ages. "I have joined with you," said Mayor Howland, "in drinking the toast of His Holiness, a friend of the British Empire, a friend of the peace of the world, one whose name and fame

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