

AFTERNOON OF MAY 16TH.

Sir William Mulock, K.C.M.G., was elected to the Chair.
Mr. John Muir was asked to act as Recording Secretary.

His Honour Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, was present during this session.

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN.

May it please Your Honour and Gentlemen:—

Inasmuch as there are many subjects to be dealt with at this Conference, it is expected that each one of us concentrate his observations as much as is consistent with the importance of the subject being dealt with. You will observe by the programme that there is a time limit assigned for the discussion and treatment of each subject, and, subject, of course, to the supreme authority of this gathering, I ask you to allow me to live up to this programme and to assist in living up to the schedule of time prescribed in the programme.

Before referring to the object of the gathering, I wish to say on behalf of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, that he found himself, on account of other public duties, much to his own regret, unable to be present here to-day, but he has been good enough to send me a communication which I will read to you.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

13th May, 1916

Dear Sir William,—

It is with much regret that I find that I am unable to attend the Conference of Representatives of the Canadian Patriotic Fund which is being held in Toronto at the invitation of the Toronto and York County Branch.

I should have liked to be able personally to express to them the appreciation that I feel for the efforts they have put forth and the sacrifices they are making in order that the work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund may be successfully discharged. I would therefore ask you to be so kind as to inform the delegates on my behalf that they have my