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MR. CHAIRMAN, FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

The honor which has been shown me by my fellow citizens and fellow laborers of Sault Ste. Marie conveys to me a deeper significance than that which is attached to an ordinary expression of good will or compliment or congratulation on one's safe return from a long journey. Its spontaneity and the desire expressed by all of the citizens to participate in the occasion is the evidence that what has been attempted and what has been performed and what is being projected by those corporations over whose local interests I have the honor to preside have, after an opportunity for observation and criticism covering a period of six years, secured the unqualified approval and applause of all of the people residing in Sault Ste. Marie. The gratification and satisfaction I feel at your compliments so enthusiastically expressed is very greatly enhanced by the fact that the position which we now occupy in your esteem has not always been possessed by us; and by the consciousness that we have acquired it only by our ability to endure the closest scrutiny and critical observation covering a considerable period of years. This contemplation is indeed a source of a genuine, and as I think, deserved self-congratulation. I fully appreciate that the compliment conveyed by this banquet, while being addressed to me as an individual, is in reality meant by you to be an endorsement and a commendation of all the officers and shareholders of those various companies which have manifested their confidence in Canadian