

# THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION



In replying to an address at the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition, August 28th, 1911, His Excellency, The Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, said:—

I rejoice that it should be my privilege to open this great Toronto Exhibition just before I take my leave from Canada after seven years of happy and continuous residence among you. At any period of a man's life, seven years is a long time. But seven years when one is between 50 and 60 is at least 14 years at any earlier period, so I think I may claim to be, not only in heart, which was yours from the first day I landed in Canada, but in the very fibres and muscle of my body a genuine Canadian.

This is the seventh Toronto Exhibition which has been held during my governor-generalship. I have watched with ever-increasing satisfaction its steadily growing influence on the life of the Canadian people. I do not think it would be easy to find any evidence so eloquently demonstrative of Canadian development as that which is annually furnished by this exhibition.