

FROM THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the officers and members of St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa, beg most respectfully to tender our congratulations and our hearty welcome upon your arrival at this, the Canadian capital, to assume the responsibility of representing our beloved Sovereign, His Majesty King Edward, in the government of one of the largest and most prosperous portions of the British Empire. Your career as a public man and your philanthropic efforts in the cause of temperance are favourably known in Canada. In the field of philanthropy you will not meet here with the evils and miseries so strongly in evidence in the older and more densely populated motherland, but in other directions you will find an outlet for your energies and aspirations for the betterment of the conditions of your fellow-men.

Your Excellency's sympathy with whatever tends to the consolidation of the British Empire will, we trust, encourage the development in Canada of bonds more substantial than those founded on sentiment, which, although dear enough to all hailing from the British Isles, cannot be regarded as of the most enduring character.

We look forward with confidence to your discharge of the important duties of Governor General of Canada, with the dignity and ability which has characterized your many distinguished predecessors in that high office. We feel assured also that when Your Excellency's term of office expires you will have added fresh laurels to the records of your family, which counts among its members the Earl Grey who was the father of the Reform Bill, the Earl of Durham in 1838, whose name is so inseparably connected with the history of Canada, and the third Earl Grey, who was secretary for the colonies.

We hope that your stay in Canada may prove one of unalloyed happiness and pleasure, and that when you in the course of time return to your native land you may retain a favourable and lasting impression of our institutions and people.

We beg Your Excellency to extend our welcome to Lady Grey, and convey to her the expression of our best wishes, and we hope that under Divine Providence her Ladyship and Your Excellency may long be spared to enjoy every blessing.

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