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give a most hearty welcome to all guests of the evening, and in particular to Messrs. Tung Ching Ling, Owyang King and Moy Bok Hin, in whose honour the dinner is being given. The presence of three Officials of the Chinese Government in Vancouver would be a notable event for the Chinese residents at any time; and it is especially so in view of the occasion which now brings them here. We feel that their presence here has a doubly happy significance: we view it as an indication of the desire and intention of the Chinese Government to watch over and protect the interests of its subjects in foreign lands; and at the same time we see in it a proof of the just rule and fair dealing of the Canadian Government, under which we live and carry on our various trades and occupations.

In our opinion, the future relations of China and Canada will be far closer and cordial than they have had an opportunity of being in the past. We feel that when some of the scientific systems and industrial machinery of Western civilization are more generally

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