

TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD,
G.C.B., &c., &c.,
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA.

MY DEAR SIR JOHN,—I dedicate this Speech to you as the leading Statesman in Canada, many of whose most distinguishing traits not a few of your supporters have thought eminently Irish. You have in the past been associated with the most able men Ireland has given to Canada, and the great body of your English-speaking supporters are Irish. The Speech is an appeal for true, patriotic action in regard to Ireland and Canada, and as I conclude by calling on my countrymen to build up a united Canada, and as at this hour thousands of men of various origin and different creeds are engaged in vindicating Canadian nationality, moved forward by one thought under the same flag, I think I could not dedicate this Speech to anyone so appropriately as to the Father of Confederation.

I am, my dear Sir John,

Yours truly,

NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN.

OTTAWA, April 7th, 1885.