

under God, instrumental in spreading the great principles of Christian truth throughout this land.

That God may bless your Majesty and that His Providence may prosper your Majesty's Government is our earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod at
Montreal, this fourteenth day of June, one
thousand eight hundred and seventy-five
years.

WILLIAM SNODGRASS,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

APPENDIX P.

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, K.P.,
K.C.B., Governor General of Canada, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland in Synod assembled, desire to tender to you, as Her Majesty's Representative, renewed expressions of our loyalty and esteem.

We congratulate your Excellency on the deep and wide-spread satisfaction with which your administration of the affairs of the Dominion is regarded by our fellow-citizens—resting, as it does, in no small degree upon the manifest desire evinced by your Excellency to become acquainted with the wants and sentiments of the people at large, and to advance their interests by every available means.

In view of your Excellency's acknowledged fitness to estimate the value of current events, whether civil or ecclesiastical, transpiring in our country's history, we believe it will gratify you to learn that negotiations which have been pending for a series of years, and aiming at the attainment of closer relations among the various branches of the Presbyterian family in the Dominion, have been so guided by an overruling Providence that they are now on the eve of terminating in a happy and successful issue—that four distinct ecclesiastical organizations will henceforth merge into one, bearing the common designation of the "Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Trusting that the season of relaxation from the more pressing duties of your high office which, by the favour of your Sovereign, you now enjoy, may be conducive to the entertainment of Lady Dufferin and yourself and to the promotion of health and vigour to both, we unite with all our Canadian fellow-subjects in expressing the hope that, on your return to the Dominion, you may long continue to administer public affairs with the dignity, wisdom and success which have all along so eminently characterized the official career of your Excellency.

That every blessing, both temporal and spiritual, may be vouchsafed to your Excellency's person and household, is our earnest prayer.

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