

of the life work of the great Canadian who now, amid the sorrow of the nation, sleeps with his fathers at Cataraqui, to reconcile, we may be the builders of a nation forming part of an empire greater than any the world has yet seen, and upon this continent to be a Canadian citizen may be even a prouder boast than was that of the citizen of an ancient empire, less great than is ours now, "*Civis Romanus sum*." Mr. President, I have spoken too long, and will now proceed to execute the duty with which your council has entrusted me; and in the name of the contributors to this memorial, in the name of the president, officers and members of the Historical Society of Manitoba, I unveil this monument, which marks the scene of the battle of Seven Oaks, in the hope that when these rocks are seen from the historic path near which it has been placed, and from the railway which passes close by, types in themselves of the change from the old to the new, it will be remembered that as nature has clothed with verdure this spot, once wet with blood, so should we, except as matters of historic interest and record, clothe with forgetfulness all animosities, jealousies, bitternesses and strifes, and turning to the fair prospects before us as an united people and nation, thank Almighty God that the sad past is indeed past, and implore His blessing upon our efforts for a brighter future.

At the close of his remarks His Honor unveiled the monument, the act being greeted with general applause. The monument is of native Selkirk stone, and the workmanship a credit to the designer, Mr. S. Hooper. It stands nine feet six inches in height and its size is four feet at the base. On the top is carved a wreath of flowers. The inscription is on the west side, facing Main street. On the upper portion are carved the words "Seven Oaks"; and beneath is the inscription, "Erected in 1891 by the Manitoba Historical Society, through the generosity of the Countess of Selkirk, on the site of Seven Oaks, where fell Governor Robert Semple and twenty of his officers and men, June 19th, 1816."

NOTE.—The Secretary, Mr. Chas. N. Bell, gave an able historical account of the Battle and excellent speeches were made by the President, Mr. John McBeth, by Honorable Mr. Justice Dubuc, Honorable J. W. Taylor, U. S. Consul, Rev. Canon Matheson and Col. Villiers, D. A. G.