

ADDRESS.

MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE CITY OF ST. JOHN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

To a man brought up as it were at the feet of the Gamaliel of loyalty, and taught to believe that the American Revolution was an unnecessary evil, and that Independence was "log-rolled" into an accomplished fact, and converted by interested parties from a menace into a machine—to such an one it is very pleasant to meet with descendants of honored men who thought, and wrought, and fought, shoulder to shoulder in the desperate defense of a government under which they had thriven and were happy—a government which certainly had rewarded my and many of our people for services rendered to it, by them, previous to the Revolution.*

The success of the American Revolution, which added so many illustrious men to Canada, could not have been brought about if similar causes had not operated to the same result but from opposite directions. The selfish interests of a portion of

* The worthy President of the New Brunswick Historical Society, Mr. J. W. Lawrence, was right in his sturdy opposition to the Confederation of the Provinces, just as those were who, true to the interests of the author's native State, New York, opposed the Confederation of the Thirteen Colonies, which was carried with even less unanimity or fairness, as regarded the "Empire State," than the Declaration of Independence.