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Hon, Richard McBride, Civ Delegation and Ministeria Association Express Appre ciation Visit of Methodist

oughly in harmony with the spirit of the conference, and the sentiments ex-pressed called forth generous applause. He opened by alluding to the feeling

the opened by alluding to the feeling of pleasure aroused by the invitation which had come to him through the Rey. T. E. Holling to be present and extend a welcome to the general conference. He had never answered a summons more gladly. British Columbia took it as a great compliment that its capital had been selected as the meeting place of such a body of representative men. The last time he had steed on the same platform was on the occasion of the celebration of the jubilee of the late Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Robson, British Columbia never had a nobler citizen and Canada never had a better man than Dr. Robson. Eulogizes Methodists Continuing the Premier said that in his travels through the province he was constantly brought in touch with Methodists. He could say that there was no more energetic body in the

was constantly brought in touch with Methodists. He could say that there was no more energetic body in the province. They were good, clean, decent and straight living citizens, and he believed that the same characteristics prevailed in the church throughout the Dominion. As an educational factor they were proving an immense influence. Wherever Methodists were found, there also were found good Canadians. In touching words he alluded to the loss which the church had sustained in the deaths of the Rev. Dr. J. Potts and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland. Both of these honored men he had known well. In his dealings with him they had given him wise counsel and heartfelt advice. In the death of Dr. Potts, not only the Methodist church but Canada had sustained an irreparable loss. The same could be said of Dr. Sutherland. Both were noble men. The work of the general conference, said the Premier, went far beyond the consideration of the mere tenets of Methodism. In a larger and nobler sense it was working for the good of Canada. Coming over to Victoria in the boat that afternoon he had read in the News Advertiser the address of the general superintendent, an address which he could not fall to see spoke of a larger, better and nobler sitizenship. That was the ideal which governments as well as churches should seek to establish. Speaking of British Columbia he could say that the people of the province had everything

soverments as well as churches should seek to establish. Speaking of British Columbia he could say that the people of the province had everything for which to be thankful. He came before the conference with the message on his lips that things in this province were very, very prosperous. Within the four corners of British Columbia were to be found practically every natural resource that humanity was helr to, its people had mines, timber, unrivalled fisheries, magnificent waterways, splendid scenery, sport, game, agriculture and horticulture. Her resources were almost beyond enumeration. sources were almost beyond enumera-tion. This wonderful heritage was not for western Canadians not even for Canadians but for humanity, but the people in the West would specialize in the Britisher.

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The affairs of the province could only be based on honest, clean and decent citizenship. Towards this end he believed that the Methodists were playing their part.

Before concluding his address the Premier paid a high tribute to the Rev. Dr. Chown. He had been brought in contact with this divine a great deal in his work. He had found him active, affable, energetic and above all a manly man.

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A deputation representing the city of Victoria composed of Mayor Mordey, Aldermen Bishop and McKeown and City Solicitor F. A. McDlarmid and City Solicitor F. A. McDiarmid welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. The mayor in a brief speech referred to the pleasure experienced by the citizens on account of the conference being held in Victoria. He was under the impression that the conference would deal with the important question of Church Union. He hoped that whetever the settlement would that whatever the settlement would be would be such that unborn generations would refer to it with gratitude. Personally it gave him hearty pleasure to extend the freedom of the city to the delegates. He hoped that Victoria would create such an impression on them that they would eventually return and make their homes here. homes here.

Dr. Carman in replying referred to the rapid growth of Victoria, and said he considered that the city was sharing in the grand incoming tide of prosperity which the Dominion was at bresent enjoying.

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Other deputations which welcomed the General Conference were the Women's Missionary Society and the Ministerial Association. The former was composed of Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Sipprel, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Betts. Mrs. Jackson, who well as spokesman, is president of the Manitoba branch of the Women's Missionary Society. In the course of lissionary Society. In the course of logically instructive address which is read in extending the welcome of

er society she said that its ideal was Enat every woman in the church frould also be a member of the mis-tenant movement. As the girl was to