

TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED BY
THE CITIZENS OF HALIFAX
TO GENERAL SIR
HASTINGS DOYLE

This testimonial was presented to the late Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia on his departure for England by the citizens of Halifax in pursuance of certain resolutions passed at a meeting held by the Mayor of that city for the purpose of considering the best means of testifying the respect and esteem in which Sir Hastings Doyle is held by the people of the Province. The testimonial is a Despatch Box, manufactured of native woods, and surmounted with a rich piece of gold-bearing quartz, from the Montagu mines, on which is placed the figure of a moose, made of native gold from Tangier. The framework of the box is bird-eye maple; and the panels are of the same material handsomely carved and fretted, and showing off to good advantage on a black walnut ground. The topsides of the box are covered with mayflowers, pigeon-berries, and maple leaves, exquisitely carved in bird-eye maple. The four columns and capitals which support the top are master-pieces of carving. The box is a perfect gem, both in design and execution. The draft of the casket was drawn by Mr. Steinhouse, of Halifax. The cabinet work was done by Mr. McEwan, and the gold work by Mr. Herbin, both of Halifax. The presentation was made on Monday, the 5th ult. The following is the text of the address:

To His Honour Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Hastings Doyle, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. George, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

When it was officially announced that Your Excellency would shortly retire from the position of Lieut.-Governor of this Province, and from the command of the Forces in British North America, the citizens of Halifax, with whom Your Honour has been so long and honourably identified, assembled at a public meeting, convened by His Worship the Mayor, at which there were professional men, merchants, and representatives of the manufacturing, industrial, and mechanical classes. Resolutions were unanimously adopted expressive of regret at your intended departure, and deciding upon the

preparation of a Citizen's Testimonial, to be presented for Your Honour's acceptance, as an earnest of their sincere attachment and respect for Your Honour, and to mark their appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which you have presided over the public affairs of this Province.

During your administration of the government of Nova Scotia, you have won the confidence and affectionate regard of all classes of our fellow-citizens.

We beg respectfully to tender for your acceptance the accompanying testimonial, composed of the products of Nova Scotia, designed and manufactured by resident artisans of this city.

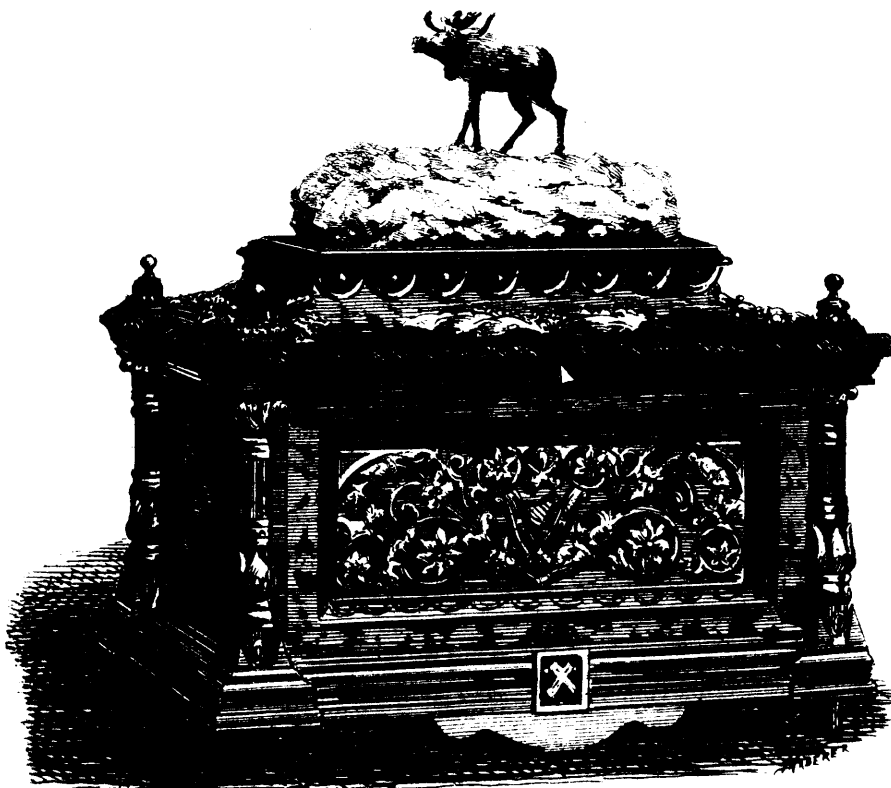
In bidding you adieu, we earnestly hope that you will have a safe, speedy, and pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, and

and valuable memorial. I shall treasure it as a memento of some who, whether known intimately or unknown altogether, are yet, I may assure myself, my good friends and my kind well-wishers.

To you, gentlemen, who are present, I return my warmest thanks. To the others who united with you in designing and procuring this charming souvenir which you now offer to me, I beg that you will convey the expressions of my gratitude. To one and all of you, citizens of Halifax, I bid farewell with regret, and with the strongest wishes for your future happiness.

HASTINGS DOYLE,
Lieut.-Governor.

Government House, May 5, 1873.



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that you may long be spared to the nation, and reap the highest honour in the gift of our beloved Sovereign.

We are,

Your Honour's most
Obedient servants,
James Duggan, Mayor; W. Ackhurst,
Jos. Crosskill, W. Nisbett, Edgar
Dodson, John S. Johnston, Jas. B.
Smith, Donald Ross, Thos. Leahy,
Henry Found, Henry Tully, William
H. Tully, Robert Motton,
A. Stephen, Jr.,
Secretary,

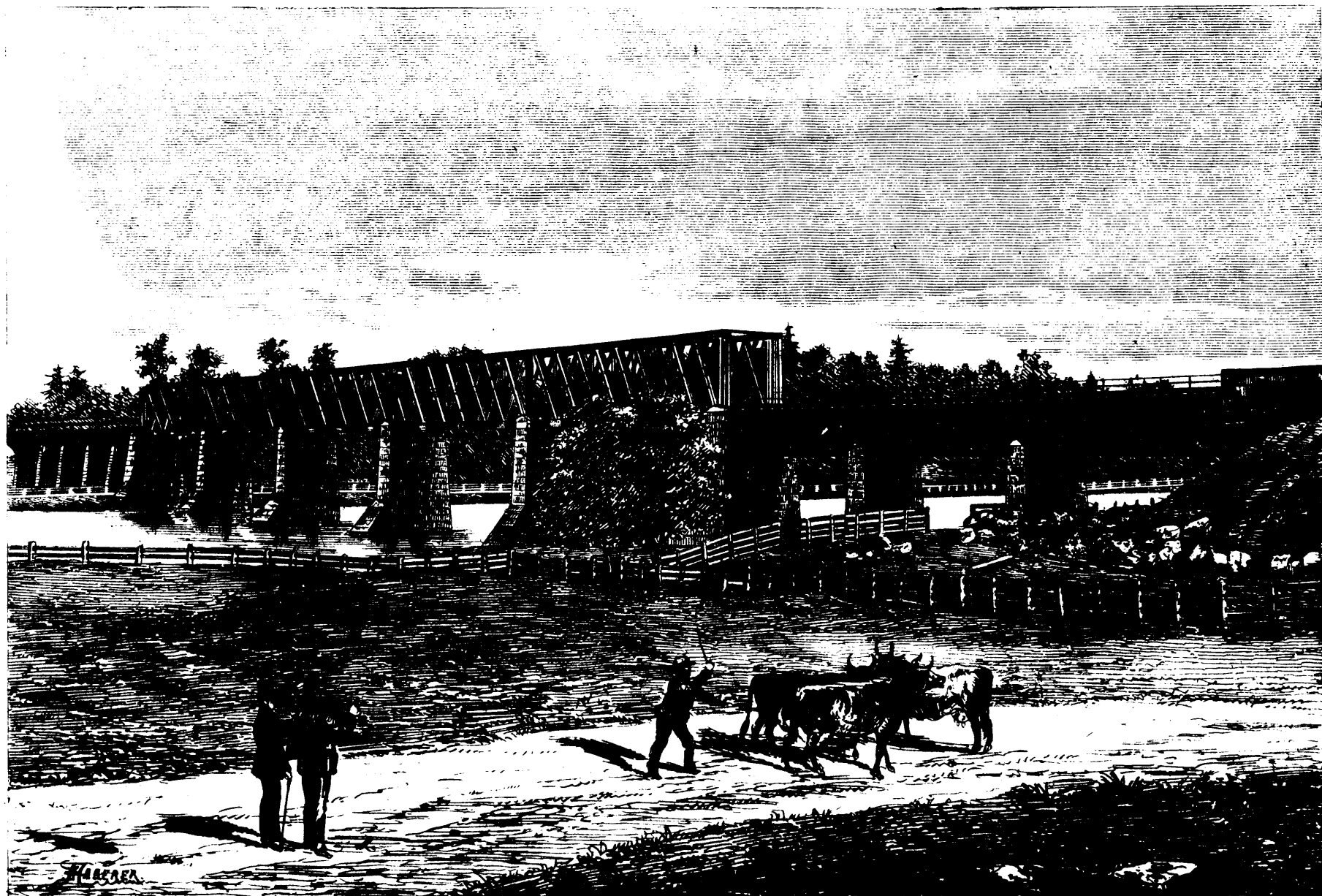
and others.

His Honour replied as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen.

I have lately had very gratifying assurances that, in my endeavours to deal impartially with persons of all creeds, and to show no favour or predilection towards any one party, I have not been altogether unsuccessful. Your address, gentlemen, backed and enforced as its expressions are with a most valuable and interesting present, assures me more particularly that I have been so fortunate as to obtain, and that I now carry away with me, the confidence and regard of all classes.

Nova Scotia has been to me for many years a happy and agreeable residence. To many of you it is your native land; to nearly all I may assume that it is your permanent home. You may thank God that such a home it is your lot to inherit and possess; for it is a land to which, if her sons are but true to themselves, if they are earnest in their labours, and honest in the application of their skill, a high destiny is assured. Of this land, of these labours, and of this skill I am indeed proud that I carry away with me such a suggestive



BRIDGE OVER THE GRAND RIVER AT CAYUGA.—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY L. & E. KERSON.