

to build up and consolidate the Dominion of Canada -  
to develop its resources, to increase its credit and wealth  
and population, and to facilitate the mutual intercourse  
and trade of its people by easy and abundant means of  
inter-communication - especially railways -

The Clear mind, active energy, firm will, broad views  
and assiduous industry, employed by you as a leading  
Statesman in the service of your Country, have not failed  
to produce their natural results - the great advancement  
of all the interests of the Country, and the material and social  
comfort of its inhabitants of every class and party -

Therefore is it right and just - that your Constituents  
of Cumberland are to meet you at Amherst, on the eve  
of your departure for London to continue your patriotic service  
in a higher sphere, not merely to give you a farewell banquet  
but to testify their high and grateful appreciation of the honor and  
benefit which your native County has derived from its dis-  
tinguished Son and ever faithful Parliamentary Representative.  
In this they do honor to themselves by rendering honor to whom  
honor is due - to him who has merited well of them and of his  
Country.

As a former resident of Cumberland at the  
time

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