

Your Excellency the expression of our continued and ardent loyalty to the Throne of the British Empire and to the illustrious person of our rightful and beloved Queen Victoria, whom Your Excellency has the distinguished honor so ably to represent in this Dominion. We are truly thankful for the blessings we enjoy under Her Majesty's auspicious reign; and in union with all the civilized world, admire Her womanly and queenly virtues, satisfied that, in common with our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire, we are in the enjoyment of the most substantial freedom which the world has ever known.

We would express our hearty congratulations upon the auspicious union of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with the illustrious and accomplished Czarvarina of Russia.

To yourself we would convey our warm appreciation of Your Excellency's urbanity during your late viceregal tour, which has won for yourself and the noble Countess of Dufferin the respect and affection of all classes, displaying your self-sacrifice for the good of our Dominion, and greatly intensifying and confirming the feeling of loyalty amongst us.

We assure your Excellency that our fervent prayers shall continually be offered that your future occupancy of the viceregal throne may be characterized by the pre-eminent wisdom and domestic happiness which have marked the past.

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada in Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

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