

history of Canada. The press of all shades of opinion, of all creeds and nationalities in the community, vied in the warmth of their felicitations, conveyed to the recipient of an honour so exalted, and to the Sovereign Pontiff for so signal a mark of his favour.

To celebrate the occasion, festivities were inaugurated on a scale of grandeur never before witnessed in Quebec. The investiture of the insignia of the Cardinalate and of the barretta gave rise to the most imposing solemnities and wide-spread rejoicing. All classes, in all parts of the land, wished to be represented at these festivities and to participate in the general jubilation. The streets wore a holiday appearance, flags and decorations were everywhere displayed in the gayest profusion; the city was brilliantly illuminated; whilst the procession that wended its way through the old city of Champlain was conducted with unprecedented pomp and magnificence. The *éclat* of the grand proceedings and the dignity of him in whose honour they were instituted, were embalmed in the choicest music, poetry, and eloquence.

In fact, a description of the splendid sights and scenes manifested on this occasion, sights and scenes whose memory, those who beheld them, will never forget, filled a volume of three hundred pages.

The festivities were brought to a close by a grand banquet, in the course of which the new Prince of the Church made an address teeming with original ideas. He pictured, as in a dream, St. John the Baptist conversing with Mgr. de Laval and telling him of the grand future that awaited the land he was about to adopt as his own. We shall quote from the address, as delivered, some passages:

"Behold," said Canada's patron saint to Mgr. de Laval, "behold those rocks crested by an impregnable citadel; there behold the city which shall receive your ashes two centuries hence. Contemplate its many abodes of virtue and science. Do you see those massive buildings? They are your seminary and the university which shall proudly bear your name. List to the accents of universal rejoicing that echo throughout the length and breadth of Canada on the accession of your fifteenth successor to the people. Let us participate in the general joy!

"Seated around him in the banquet hall, behold the magnates of civil power, distinguished prelates, a numerous priesthood and con-