

and affection. Their visit was but short, yet I think that no one who had the privilege of approaching them can fail to have felt the warmest attachment toward them personally, and gratitude to Her Majesty for permitting her daughter to reside amongst us.

HON. MR. HOWLAN—The usual course on an occasion of this kind is for the leader of the Government to move the Address, and the leader of the Opposition to second it, but as hon. gentlemen from all the other Provinces of the Dominion have spoken to the motion, I would say a few words as representing the Province of Prince Edward Island. In doing so, I might say that it is perhaps a fitting time to refer to the history and present position of this country. Lying as we do alongside one of the largest republics in the world, speaking the same language and coming from the same stock, the British constitutional principles which pervade our Government are side by side with the republican institutions of our neighbors across the line. It is therefore a matter for pride that, after the statesmanship of England has been compelled, by the force of circumstances, to give to each of the Provinces of this Dominion a government responsible to the Crown and people alike, they have gathered together and formed this Dominion. It is in consequence of that wise statesmanship that we have to-day amongst us a daughter of our beloved Queen, and I trust that during the five years which the Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness have spent amongst us, they have had full and ample opportunity of satisfying themselves of the loyalty of the people of this Dominion, and that they will be able to tell our Queen that the people of Canada are worthy of the free institutions which we enjoy. Speaking for the Province of Prince Edward Island, I heartily re-echo the sentiments in that Address.

HON. MR. DEVER—As speaking has been somewhat general upon this subject, and there is no other gentlemen from the city of St. John present, except myself, I feel that I must say a few words in addition to what has been so well expressed by hon. gentlemen from other provinces. I may confess that I had a strong conviction in common with many others, that the im-

pression which was made upon the people of this country by our former Governor-General, Lord Dufferin, and his charming and lovable countess, could never be equalled by any other representatives of the Sovereign who might succeed them in that position. Upon a closer acquaintance and knowledge, however, of His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, I have great pleasure in stating that they have won the loyalty and affection of all those with whom I have spoken, and that loyalty and love will follow them when they leave us, and will last even down to our children and grandchildren.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—I have to regret that I was absent from the House when the matter was first introduced, but I esteem it a matter of privilege and pleasure to accord with the sentiments that have been expressed towards our Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. I trust that he will be able, when he reaches the shores of Great Britain, to say to the people there that a very large component part of the population of Canada is of the Irish race, and that none are more contented, more loyal or more true. His Excellency may possibly be able to catch the ear of the Government of England, and I hope he will say to them "Give to the Irish people a similar government to that which has been granted to Canada, and instead of being troubled and annoyed by the people of Ireland they will be a stand-by and power at your back, to take up arms or do anything that may be possible to sustain the Empire. Send them not away as enemies from your shores, but let them go believing in the flag that floats over Canada, and they will take up their habitation there, strengthening and extending the Empire." As illustrating the loyalty of the Irish race in this Dominion, I do not think I am saying too much when I say of them, as Sir George Cartier, I believe, said of the French Canadians: "They will be found firing the last shot in favor of the flag of Canada." The Irishmen in Canada will be found a united body whenever the interests of the Empire call for their services, and they will defend it against any power. And so it would be in Ireland, in my judgment, if instead of the present system of restraint and intima-