

fession to the public, was laid down in sober earnest rather than in jest. Mr. Z. A. Lash, K.C., and Mr. E. Douglas Armour, K.C., responded to the toast to the Law School, and happily combined both wit and wisdom. Mr. Leighton McCarthy, K.C., M.P.; Mr. Claude Macdonell, M.P., and Mr. M. S. McCarthy, M.P., of Calgary, acquitted themselves well.

An outstanding incident of the function was the spontaneous and enthusiastic reception to Mr. Christopher Robinson, K.C. Each reference to the name of that distinguished leader of the Bar called forth vigorous applause. Though Mr. Robinson had declined to speak on the toast list, in order that younger men might be heard, those present would not be denied; and so, in answer to a request, made amidst a storm of cheers, that "the Prince of the Bar" might be persuaded to say something, he gracefully yielded:—"I did not expect to speak to-night, but I could not help feeling that this call for me has very vividly brought to my recollection the fact that very many years ago, at a dinner given to my father when he was retiring from the Bench, when his health was proposed by a voice that was so welcome to his ears, he said what I might say on this occasion, that he could not help feeling that when he was called to the Bar a very small number of those then present had then been born. I never thought at that moment that the time would come when his son might repeat that remark with much wider application to a much larger representative assembly of the profession, for if I were to go around this room and single out the men who were born before I was called to the Bar, we should find but a very small number. In the present state of that controversy which has more than once been referred to to-night, as to whether a man past 60 could possibly do anything that was worth doing, or say anything that was worth saying, I think the best thing I can do is to say just as little as possible. I should, however, like to hear a discussion of the question, whether if nature is going to turn its cycle every twenty years, and if a man up to the age of 40 is good for everything, and if a man after the age of 60 is good for nothing, what happens to a man who gets to 80! Is it not just possible that a time may come for recovery and amendment? Might he not do better than he ever did before in his life? That is a question of some interest to me. I thank you, gentlemen, for the kindness with which you have called upon me."