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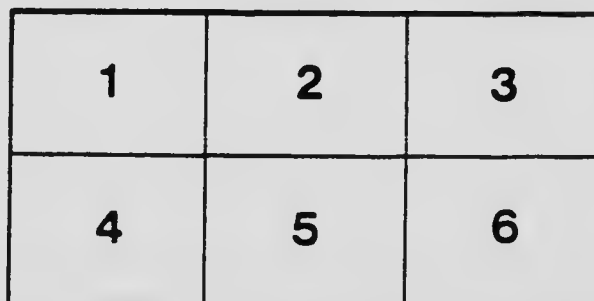
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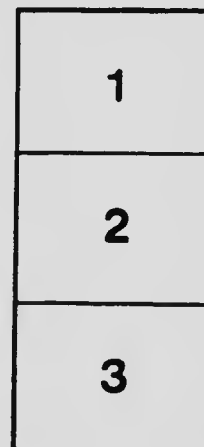
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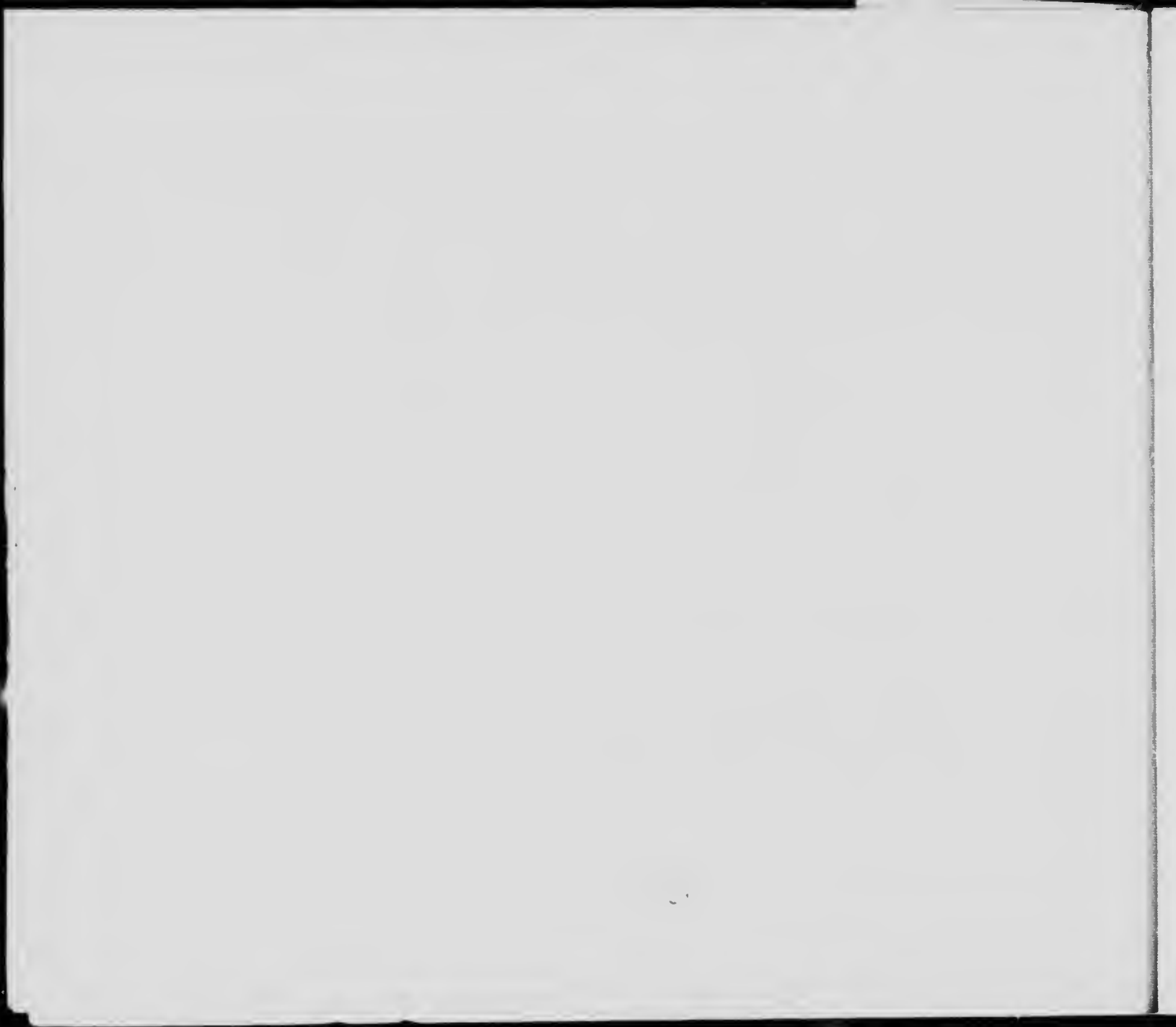
To His Royal Highness

The Duke of Connaught,

Governor General of Canada,

May it please Your Royal Highness :

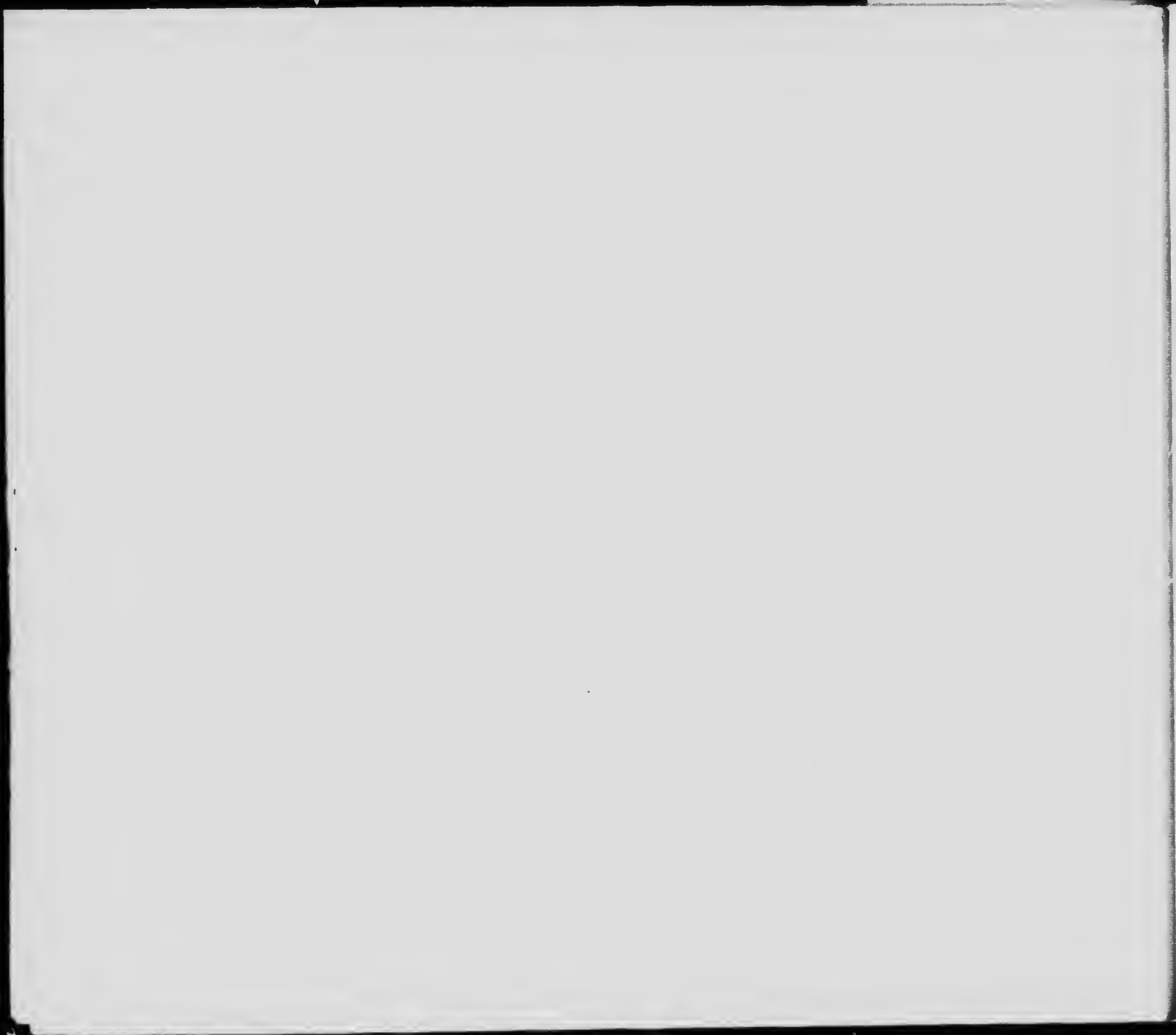
One year ago the Colonial Office communicated to the Earl Grey, then occupying the high and honourable office of Governor General of Canada, the information that His Majesty had been pleased to appoint as successor to His Excellency a Member of the Royal Family. This intelligence was in turn conveyed to the Government of Canada and by it to the people of the Dominion.



That the representative of His Gracious Majesty the King was to be Your Royal Highness was received by all Canadians with deep pleasure and satisfaction. "It was", as one of our public men truly said, "an important event in our history." Throughout the Dominion it was felt to be a high tribute to the growing greatness of this "True North", that a son of Victoria, a brother of Edward and an uncle of the Sovereign should be delegated to represent the Crown in Canada.

On the arrival in Canada of Your Royal Highness and of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, a despatch conveyed to you a most hearty welcome from this Association, as representing the four-score Canadian Clubs of the Country.

That welcome was but indicative of the general one that awaited you and which must have impressed Your Royal Highnesses wherever you have moved since taking up residence in the Dominion.



In a more formal but none the less cordial manner, these non-partisan and non-sectarian organizations, that have become a part of our national life, through us their representatives, now beg to convey to Your Royal Highnesses an expression of not only welcome, esteem and good-will, but desire to record, if such were necessary, our attachment to and affection for the Throne and Person of His Majesty the King.

We trust that during Your Royal Highness' occupancy of office amongst us that Canada may grow and prosper in larger measure, we hope, than at any time since the Provinces of British North America became a Confederation.

We beg to express the hope that the work being done by Canadian Clubs generally may interest Your Royal Highness, and that the Home^{r's} Canadian Clubs, in particular, may interest Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught.



As vehicles for the expression of opinion and the dissemination of information the Clubs are, we think, performing real service in conserving and developing a well-balanced national and imperial spirit. And, too, as providing a common meeting ground for Canadians of different political and denominational affiliations these organizations are doing not a little to promote not only a spirit of toleration among us, but of mutual trust and good-will.

In the work of upbuilding an enduring Nation within an enduring Empire and of endeavouring to place that Nation in the vanguard of that sisterhood, we believe that the Canadian people have Your Royal Highnesses' "Good Luck" and "God Speed."



To Your Royal Highnesses and to the members of
Your Royal Household, in conclusion, we wish health, happiness
and long life.

Signed in behalf of

The Association of Canadian Clubs

Honourary President

President

Vice-President

Vice-Pres. for Nova Scotia

Vice-Pres. for New Brunswick

“ “ *Quebec*

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Hon. Secretary

Ottawa, January 27th, 1912.



