

CANADA MUST ONE DAY BE CONTROLLING PART OF THE EMPIRE, SAYS EARL GREY

"That's What I Shall Tell My Friends in England," Remarkd Retiring Governor-General At Farewell Dinner

MONTREAL, Oct. 7.—A farewell dinner was tendered to His Excellency Earl Grey on the eve of his departure for England. The function was held in the Windsor Hotel and it was a brilliant and representative gathering which filled the big room.

THE TABLE OF HONOR

The table of honor was dressed in yellow and white, festoons of yellow velvet and the dead whiteness of the linen and yellow orchids, white roses, lilies of the valley and ferns forming the floral decorations. At the right of His Excellency there sat: Sir Alexander Lacoste, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Hon. Joseph Angers, Sir Hugh Graham, Senator Beaulieu, Major A. W. Stephens, Mr. Justice Robidoux, Senator Boyer, Mr. Justice Archer, Senator MacKay, Hon. Jeremie DeCarie, and the Hon. N. Perceux. And at His Excellency's left there were the Mayor of Montreal, Dr. schools and asylums," read the Mayor.

Guerin, Sir Melbourne Tait, Mr. Justice Laurendeau, ex-Judge Guimet, Sir William Van Horne, Hon. Alphonse Desjardins, Principal Peterson, Senator Dandurand, Senator David, Lieut-Col. Burland, Mr. Justice Davidson, Senator Casgrain, Mr. Justice Tharboneau and Rodolphe Forget. After the toast to his Majesty the King, the Mayor read a telegram of regret from Lord Strathcona, who wired that he was obliged to sail on the Mauritania, he had of necessity to "deny himself the pleasure" of accepting the Mayor's invitation to be present, which he would have deemed a "high privilege."

MAYOR READ ADDRESS

Then followed the address, illuminated on parchment and read by His Worship, who said that the years of His Excellency's reign in Canada had flown all too quickly, that Montreal owed a special debt more than a social or civic significance, and had led to vaster issues. "Our hospitals, our schools and asylums," read the Mayor.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY

His Excellency, in reply, touched first upon the "hand-grasp of friendship," extended to him in the Dominion of Canada, "Gentlemen," he said, "that hand-grasp will last till death. For I can't imagine that my affection for Canada will ever dwindle on this side of the grave; and if your loyalty to the Crown, it is impossible that your loyalty for me will and before the crack of doom! The loyalty of Canada to the Crown is daily growing stronger. (Cheers.) It can't be otherwise. The sentiment of gratitude, of self-interest, and of noble ambition, all call for the deep loyalty of Canada to the Crown."

"You have referred, Mr. Mayor, just now, to my travels. Thanks to my friend, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, I have seen the Dominion in greater comfort than any of my predecessors. My travels have taught me many things. And when I get home, I can tell my friends in England what a population no greater than that of London has done on a continent the size of Europe. I never watched your achievements without taking off my hat to the energy of your race. And I shall also tell my friends in England that nothing can prevent Canada from one day becoming the controlling part of the British Empire. (Cheers.)"

"No one has experienced your glorious climate, who has seen the great stretches of fertile ground which will some day be covered with happy homes, can help but see that this is only a question of time. (Cheers.) As an Englishman, I realize that it is impossible for Canada to grow in strength and in stature without strengthening the Empire, just as it is impossible for Canada to grow weaker without weakening the Empire. As Canada is necessary to the Empire, so is the Empire necessary to Canada."

MEANING OF "EMPIRE"

Referring then to the pride he felt in belonging to the people of the "tiny isles," His Excellency said that Canadians would some day demand to share with those people the burdens of Empire.

His Excellency then proceeded to explain what he meant by the word "Empire," and said that he had been at times, in the Province of Quebec, condemned for being too fervent an Imperialist. (Cries of "No.") "But if," he went on, "I interpreted the word 'Imperialist' in the sense of some of my critics, I should agree with them. But 'Empire' does not stand for interference. Nobody who knows the constitutional relations of England and the self-governing sisters of the Empire talk about interference from Downing Street."

The word stands for the security which England gives to the Dominions, for ideals of justice, freedom, duty and righteousness. And the strength of the Empire consists in a community of these ideals."

His Excellency then went on to address those of French descent of whom there were seventeen at the high table. "I hope, he said, 'that I will not say anything offensive to any single person present; and I hope my friends of English descent will not take it amiss if I pass by their great services and speak particularly of my French friends. It is perhaps because of the faint traces of French blood which still lingers in my veins that I have always felt so happy in the Province of Quebec. I have a real love, for the Canadiennes who have many traits which I should like to see reproduced in my own children. The people of Canada are to be congratulated on possessing an infusion of Gallic courtesy and charm. It is obvious to everyone that with the overwhelming proportion of men of English blood on this continent; men possessing superior qualifications for the business of administration, it would be vain and futile for men of French blood, did they ever desire it, to establish a racial ascendancy. But it is equally obvious that the French possess the right to regulate their own development and to develop their own racial characteristics in a way which will leaven, with their

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