

Lord Dufferin's Speech at Halifax

At a dinner given to His Excellency at the Halifax Club, in reply to the toast of his health, he spoke as follows:—

SPORT—A gentleman who with two others, and a large following of mosquitoes, spent a day at a reputed trout stream, near Barrie, last week.

As it were, a domestic festival, and that nothing could be more inopportune than the slightest allusion to any political topic, but I may be permitted to say a few words in reference to what has fallen from the Chief Justice, that there is one obligation whose importance I appreciate more than another, as attaching to the functions of my office, it is the absolute and paramount duty of maintaining impartiality towards the various parties into which the political world of Canada is well as of the Mother Country is divided, and in regard of preserving the sympathy, judgment, and balance of opinion which should elevate the representative of your Sovereign above the faintest suspicion of having any other desire, aim, or ambition than to follow the example of his Royal Mistress in the relation she has constantly maintained towards her Ministers, her Parliament and her people, to remember every hour of the day that he

has but one duty and one object—to administer his Government in the interest of the whole Canadian people, and of the Dominion at large. Of course, he must not but one brief year in the country, and there is always a danger during the fervour of those political controversies, which seem to be conducted by the press of Canada with peculiar liveliness and animation, and in which the references to the Governor General's supposed sentiments, opinions, and intentions, which would convey to the untrained reader a very erroneous and exaggerated idea of the attitude of the Chief of conduct and the attitude of the State. Gentlemen, I do not make this remark by way of complaint. If there is any person in Canada who has been kindly and considerately dealt with by the press, to whom the press of every political complexion has shown indulgence and good will, it is myself, and it is most natural and by no means an uncomplimentary circumstance, that the organs of different shades of opinion should persuade themselves that the Governor General must necessarily be of their way of thinking and see through their spectacles, but what I wish to say on this point, and I do not care how widely this remark is disseminated, is this—that there is no human being who is authorized to make any statement or suggestion as to what the opinion or sentiments may be in respect of any political topic, or who has ever been in a position, or is likely to be in a position, to make anything approaching to a conjecture upon points of this description. It is true my object and my desire is to inform my mind upon every subject affecting the interests of the country, by conversation and by discussion with any one who can afford me instruction or information, and it would be very unfortunate for me if this freedom of intercourse with all classes and parties in Canada, from which I derive so much benefit and pleasure, should be transmuted by the dread lest of interference should become the foundation for interference, comment, or conjecture in the press. No, gentlemen, I understand my duty too well ever to allow my judgment or my sympathies to be swayed into political partisanship. My one thought and desire is the welfare of Canada as a whole. To maintain her honour, to promote her prosperity, to do my duty by her and her entire people, is the sole object of my ambition. When I converse with your public men, it scarcely ever occurs to me to remember to what political party they belong. I only see in them persons elevating themselves, each according to his lights, to the service of his country. My only guiding star in the conduct and maintenance of my official relations with our public men is the Parliament of Canada. In fact I suppose I am the only person in the Dominion whose faith in the wisdom and the infallibility of Parliament is never shaken. Each of you, gentlemen, only believe in Parliament as long as you believe in the wisdom of its decisions, and in the wisdom of its decisions, gentlemen, believe in Parliament no matter which way it votes, and to those men alone whom the deliberative will of the considered Parliament of the Dominion may assign to me as my responsible advisers can I give my confidence. Whether they are the heads of this party or of that party must be a matter of indifference to the Governor General. So long as they are maintained by Parliament in their position, so long as he is bound to give them his unreserved confidence, to defer to their advice, and to assist them with his counsel. Whenever, in the vicissitudes of party warfare, they are replaced by others he welcomes their successors with an equally open and loyal regard. Such private friendships as he may have formed he may have a right to retain. As a reasonable being he cannot help having convictions upon the merits of different policies, but these considerations are abstract, speculative, and devoid of practical effect in his official relations. As the head of a constitutional state, as engaged in the administration of Parliamentary Government, he has no political friends, still less none who have political enemies. The possession of such a right to be suspected of possessing such destroys his usefulness. Sometimes, of course, no matter how disconnected he personally may be with what is taking place, his name will get dragged into some controversy, and he may suddenly find himself the subject of hostile criticism by the press of whatever party may for the moment be out of power. But under these circumstances he must console himself with the reflection that these spasmodic castigations are as transitory and innocuous as the discipline applied occasionally to the idols by the unsophisticated worshippers of stone or a mortal visits their flocks. For, gentlemen, of this I am certain, although he may sometimes err in his judgment or fail in serving you as effectually as he might desire, a Vice-regent who honestly seeks to do his duty, to whom the interests of Canada are as precious and her honour as dear as his own, who starts unmoved in even course, indifferent to praise or blame, between the political contentions of the day, can never appeal in vain to the confidence and generosity of the Canadian people.

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Table with market prices for various goods like wheat, flour, and other commodities.

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