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# Duke of Connaught's Advice in a Farewell Ad- dress

## QUICK IN RESPONSE TO EMPIRE'S CALL

### His Royal Highness Says He Will Never Forget Stay Here

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**O**TTAWA, Oct. 10.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in a farewell address before the Canadian Club of Ottawa on Saturday warned the people of Canada to consider carefully the nationality of the people brought to Canada after the war. Those of British stock, he pointed out, had demonstrated that they could be depended upon to respond to the call of Canada and the Empire. The appeal was heartily applauded by the 400 members of the club who were present.

The occasion was the last public appearance of His Royal Highness as Governor-General and the meeting took the form of a luncheon tendered by the club in the Chateau Laurier. Mr. A. G. Parker, who presided, referred to the Duke's splendid service to the Dominion. Five years of the life of such a man, he said, was no small gift.

#### The Future for Canada.

"I find nothing more unpleasant," said the distinguished guest, "than saying good-bye to those whom I have learned to look upon as friends. It is difficult on an occasion like this to know the right thing to say. I am not political. I am not allowed to be, and rightly so. I try to look at things purely as they affect the welfare and the progress of Canada and their connection with the King and the Empire as a whole. Wherever I have gone in Canada I have been received with kindness and cordiality that I shall never forget.

"Canada has a great future before it. In Canada the Empire has a portion that is bound to take a leading part in the activities of the future. Our thoughts, however, naturally turn to the war. It has lasted now over two years. Heaven knows when it will end. It has meant tremendous sacrifices from the sons of the Empire all over the world. Canada has taken her share in a most magnificent manner. Many of Canada's sons have sacrificed their lives, and Canadians whom I address now ought to feel proud of the way that all Canadians have done their duty at the front. It will ever be written in the records of Canada that in the time of the greatest need, unasked and unforced, the best of Canada's sons rallied to the colors, most of whom never had any idea of entering the military profession, and gave up their civil avocations for the good of the Empire."

#### The Best Immigrants.

After reviewing briefly Canada's various contributions and sacrifices to the Empire's defence in the present struggle, the Duke turned his attention to the problems which will confront the Dominion after the war.

"Canada after the war will have many difficult questions to face," he said. "Possibly the most important is as to what class of immigrants you are going to have. I venture to think that it will be wise for Canada to insist on having immigrants of British stock. You know now that you can always depend on those of British stock. Who are serving their King and country now?—Those of British stock or those who have recently become Canadians. If I dare go into detail it would be found that those of military age now in Canada are mostly of alien stock. We must populate this Dominion with those from the Old Country, imbued with our traditions, and who will answer the call of Canada and the Empire."

"Sad as the war has been, terrible as the sacrifices, it may after all be a blessing in disguise," His Royal Highness continued. "It has brought out the best traditions and best feelings of the people. Possibly before the war Canada was too prosperous. Perhaps we thought of ourselves too much. But now we all realize the duty to perform, and that duty has come first. I hope every blessing will attend Canada."

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### **He Will Never Forget.**

"However great advantages may accrue to politics, in the great future I hope you will sink them, and think only of the welfare and future prospects of this great Dominion. Although I am going to sever my official connection with Canada, my unofficial connection will remain as long as I live. I shall never forget my five years with you. But I hope still that I may be able to come over again and see how you are getting on. And if you come to England I hope you will come and see me. Rest assured that I shall always be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and friendship. I assure you again that I most heartily appreciate the manner in which you have received me to-day. I give you my best thanks, and may God's

blessing rest on Canada forever."

Sir Robert Borden assured His Royal Highness that all had been inspired by the words he has uttered. He had held up before them ideals of service and duty, ideals that he had held up in his own life, the best part of which had been spent in the service of the Empire in many capacities. He was expressing the thoughts of the Canadian Club and all the Canadian people when he said they all were most profoundly grateful for his services on the eve of his departure from Canada. By the time his Royal Highness left, he said, there would have been sent overseas 250,000 men.

"We express once more," said the Prime Minister, "our deep appreciation and grateful thanks for all he has done. In every effort his Royal Highness, from first to last, had been earnest, zealous and indefatigable. He has realized the highest ideal of duty it is possible to conceive."

He referred also to the splendid example set by Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess and Princess Patricia.