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Recent Addresses Before the Canadian Club.

A LETTER OF COMMENT FROM SIR SANDFORD FLEMING.

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Editor Journal.—The Canadian Club has received the enclosed letter from Sir Sandford Fleming, on the subject of the addresses of Sir Frederick Pollock and Mr. Geoffrey Drage before this club last Saturday.

HAMNETT P. HILL, Secretary.

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING'S LETTER.

Members of the Canadian Club: It was a great satisfaction to me, as I am sure it was to every one present at the gathering this afternoon, to hear Sir Frederick Pollock and Mr. Geoffrey Drage set forth their views on a subject of the very highest importance—the unification of the Empire.

When they concluded, I would have wished, had it been in order, to give expression to my own thoughts and their bearing on the great subject which these distinguished gentlemen have been good enough to bring before the club.

I cannot but feel that, in common with our fellow-subjects in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and elsewhere, we in Canada are under a debt of gratitude to those gentlemen in England, represented by Sir Frederick Pollock and Mr. Geoffrey Drage, who have given so much time, and thought to the common interests, and have taken so much trouble concerning our future.

Major Winter Acts as Chairman of the Proceedings. Children Given a Holiday.

The new Ottawa East Public School was formally opened on Wednesday under most auspicious conditions. His Excellency Earl Grey was present and added by his presence to the success of the event.

Lengthy Programme Carried Out With Enthusiasm.

The vice-regal party arrived at the prettily decorated school at three o'clock and was received by Major C. F. Winter, chairman of the board.

Major Winter and people and children of Ottawa East: Your chairman has modestly referred to what he calls your 'little village,' but I may say that this is one of the many lessons in geography that I am continually receiving in my position as Governor-General.

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Lord Salisbury considered it dangerous to attempt to force the various parts of the Empire into mutual arrangements for which they are not ready.

These and other considerations lead me to think that those associated with Sir Frederick have scarcely attached sufficient importance to the sequence of their proposals.

The first, as explained by Sir Frederick, is not seemingly too ambitious a proposal, and, as some better arrangement than now obtains is recognised to be desirable, it may prove to be the best.

Addressing the Canadian Club, Sir Frederick alluded to the criticisms of Mr. Edward Jebb in the London press on some of the features of the scheme advocated.

For myself, I am a member of a number of associations, each aiming to promote the consolidation of the Empire.

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In submitting these remarks, I need scarcely state that I do so in no spirit of fault-finding. If I am correct in the belief that one of the purposes of the gentlemen who have spoken to us is to ascertain how far we approve of their proposals, it is fitting that we should speak frankly.

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