

Colin Rankin fonds

Farewell document to Colin Rankin Esquire from the citizens of the Town of Mattawa, Ontario. (GA3-3)
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To
Colin Rankin Esquire

We the Citizens of the Town of Mattawa and other friends desire on this the eve of your departure to express to you our sincere regret that the circumstances of the new position which the government of the country have urged you to accept have made it necessary for you to remove from our midst.

It makes us feel our sense of regret more deeply when we realize that for over thirty years you have been an honored and respected resident of our town. You have seen it in its infancy and aided in its growth and development. You have occupied all the public positions in our town and filled them with honor to yourself and credit to its people. As the Chief Factor of any ancient and historic company which you directed for many years while you labored long and faithfully for their welfare yet you always coupled their interests with the interests and advancement of the town. As Mayor of our town you were always alive to its best interests. As a Magistrate your decisions have always been just and equitable and as a citizen you have always been [identified] with every work that has for its object the welfare and advancement of the town.

While we regret your departure and that of your estimable wife and family and feel that you might fittingly "crown a youth of labor with an age of ease" we rejoice that you have received a higher and better position and pray that your vigor and strength will long be equal to your courage and that you will accept this gift as a slight token of friendship which we hope will never be divided.

Signed on behalf of the citizens

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