

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You will be asked to make provision for all essential services, and for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty, for the next fiscal year.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

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May Divine Providence bless your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business unless and until otherwise ordered except Introduction of Bills and Government Notices of Motions, until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, seconded by Mr. Drew, it was Resolved:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the following words:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, respectfully desire to express our deep sympathy to Your Majesty in the great loss you have sustained by the death of the late King, Your Majesty's beloved Father.

Your Majesty's sorrow and that of the Royal Family is shared in a personal way by the people of Canada, whose representatives we are. King George VI was a great King and a good man. By His devotion to duty, His high courage, His example as a Husband and a Father, and His concern for the welfare of those He ruled, He greatly endeared Himself to His Canadian subjects. We will not forget the occasion when, accompanied by Your beloved Mother He visited our country, nor will Canadians forget the many happy associations established in the course of His reign over us. In common with all the peoples of the Commonwealth, we shall ever deeply cherish His memory.

We welcome Your Majesty's accession to the Throne and we desire to convey to You a sincere expression of our loyalty and devotion. When Your Majesty, accompanied by Your Husband, visited us a few months ago, you left a deep and lasting impression upon the Canadian people. We are convinced that Your Majesty will ever seek to promote the happiness and well-being of all Your subjects. As Members of the Parliament of Canada, it is our desire and determination to uphold and support Your Majesty, to the utmost of our authority and wisdom and it is our prayer that Divine Providence will sustain Your Majesty in the discharge of your heavy responsibilities.