

Since Your Accession, we have not failed to recognize, in Your Majesty's public utterances, the assertion of those principles under which the prerogatives and powers of government, vested in Your Person, are held and exercised only according to law and custom sanctioned by general consent. Justice, civil liberty and ordered freedom, thus secured, constitute a most precious heritage. These time-honoured principles, permeating the relations of Your Peoples and their homelands one with another, have served to create a community of free States, responsible for their own destinies, yet resolved to conserve their common inheritance as one of the treasures of mankind. The solemn form and character of Your Majesty's Coronation, comprehending both the old and the new, will, we believe, afford a more vivid sense of the meaning and value of the Crown, thereby strengthening the bonds of mutual trust and affection between the Sovereign and His Peoples.

To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth we desire also to express our sentiments of loyalty and devotion. We rejoice that the great responsibilities of the Throne are shared by one who already holds a place in the affections of Your Peoples, and whose example fosters those simple and homely virtues which beautify character and enrich family life. The companionship in service thus enjoyed, while ensuring Your personal happiness, will afford to Your Majesty support and strength in the discharge of Your public duties.

Through this stormy and baffling era in human affairs, the Throne has remained broad-based upon the people's will. The Crown, symbolizing the unity and the free association of the Nations of the British Commonwealth, continues to embody the principles of government which they hold most sacred, and their common attachment to the ideals of freedom and of peace. We pray, that under Divine Blessing and Guidance, the foundations of constitutional government may be firmly maintained, and that Your Majesty may be vouchsafed strength and wisdom commensurate with Your exalted and exacting task.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Dandurand, seconded by the Right Honourable Senator Meighen, it was—

Resolved, That the Honourable the Speaker do sign the said Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, on behalf of the Senate.

It being one o'clock, the Honourable the Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at three o'clock this afternoon.

3.00 p.m.

The Senate resumed.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill (K-2), intituled: "An Act respecting The Premier Trust Company,"

And to acquaint the Senate that they have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill (L-2), intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Canadian Mercantile Insurance Company,"

And to acquaint the Senate that they have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honourable Senator Black, from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred the Bill (41), intituled: "An Act to amend and consolidate the Combines Investigation Act and amending Act," reported