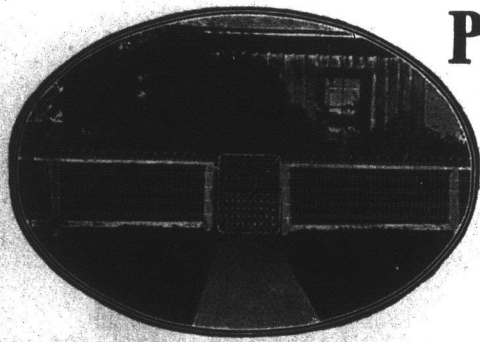




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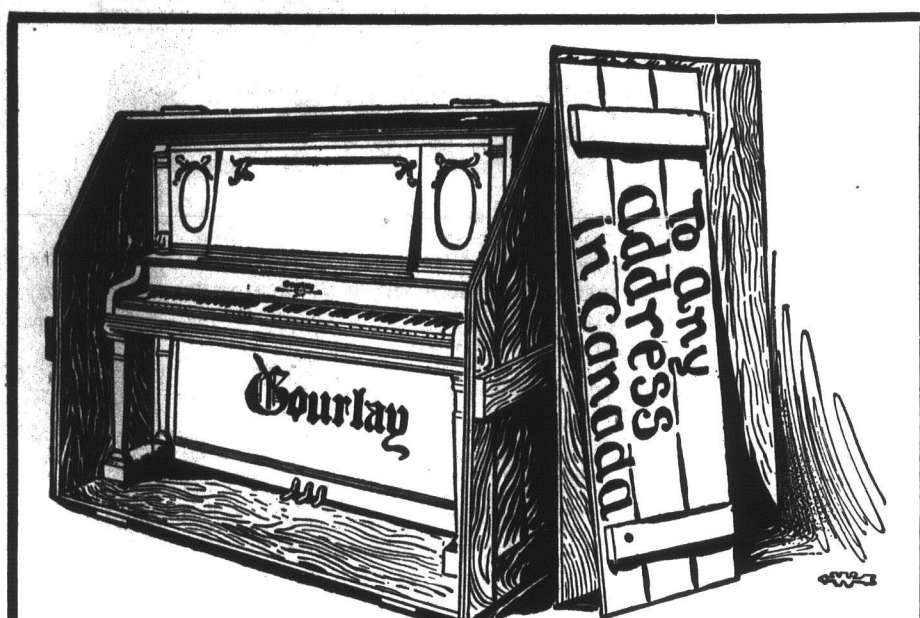
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Hon. N. A. Belcourt,

Who Moved the Resolution in the House of Commons Inviting
King Edward to Visit Canada.

During the present session of parliament at Ottawa a resolution was moved by the Hon. N. A. Belcourt, senior member for Ottawa City, and passed by both houses, extending a cordial invitation to his Most Gracious Majesty King Edward, and her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, to visit Canada. The resolution, introduced as it was by the Hon. N. A. Belcourt, a French Canadian, and by one who was at one time First Commoner and Speaker of the House, came with good grace indeed. In introducing the motion the mover made a brilliant and patriotic speech which attracted widespread attention at the time, and was most favorably

Nearly fifty years ago Your Majesty, then the heir apparent to the Throne which Your Majesty now adorns, honored Canada with your presence, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Victoria bridge. The approaching completion of the Quebec bridge, the initial step and one of the great links in the Trans-continental Railway of Canada, whilst affording Your Majesty a fitting opportunity to witness the progress and development accomplished in Your Majesty's possessions on this continent, would enable their inhabitants to indulge in the manifestation of their loyalty and devotion to their beloved King and Queen.



HON. N. A. BELCOURT.

commented upon. The following is the full text of the resolution:—

"Address—To the King's Most Gracious Majesty:—

"Most Gracious Sovereign,

"We the members of the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg to humbly convey to Your Majesty, with the assurance of our loyalty and devotion to Your Royal Person, the expression of the desire and hope, long and fervently cherished by all British subjects inhabiting British North America, that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to honor them with Your Majesty's presence, and thereby enable them to offer the personal tribute of their unwavering attachment to the Crown and the government of the empire, of their deep affection for Your Majesty's person, and their profound admiration for those kingly virtues and truly humanitarian deeds which have earned for Your Majesty first place among the great sovereigns of the world."

"We therefore must humbly pray that Your Majesty and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will honor the Dominion of Canada with your presence at such time as may be selected by Your Majesty."

The motion was unanimously agreed to by the House of Commons and afterwards by the Senate.

Perhaps at this time it would be of interest to readers of the Western Home Monthly to know something more about the honorable gentleman who introduced the resolution extending an invitation of Their Most Gracious Majesties our beloved King and Queen to visit Canada.

To those of our readers who came from Ontario, Quebec, or the Maritime Provinces, the Hon. N. A. Belcourt needs no introduction. For many years he has been prominent in public affairs in the East, and his best efforts has always been in evidence in uniting and harmonizing the two predominating races, the English speaking and the French speaking races. In Ottawa city, the