

Address of Right Hon. Mr. Churchill

two former governors general. The names of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and the Marquess of Willingdon will remain outstanding among those of the distinguished representatives, in Canada, of His Majesty the King.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the financial appropriations you have made. Their unprecedented magnitude is but one of many evidences of the determina-

tion of the Canadian people to put forth their utmost effort in the winning of the war.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I devoutly join with you in invoking the aid of Divine Providence in the preservation of our Christian civilization.

This concluded the second session of the nineteenth parliament.

ADDRESS

OF

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

Prime Minister of Great Britain

TO

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBER, OTTAWA

Tuesday, December 30, 1941, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Churchill was introduced by Mr. Mackenzie King.

Hon. James Allison Glen, Speaker of the House of Commons, presided.

Mr. SPEAKER: Your Royal Highness, Mr. Churchill, honourable members of the Senate and of the House of Commons, ladies and gentlemen: I would ask the Right Honourable Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, to introduce the Right Honourable Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of Britain.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister of Canada): Mr. Speaker, hon. members of the Senate and of the House of Commons, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada I have the honour this afternoon to renew the welcome already extended from all parts of our country to the Prime Minister of Britain, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill.

I desire to express to Mr. Churchill the thanks of the entire country for his visit to Canada at this time. I thank him also for having so kindly consented, while in our capital city, to address the members of the two Houses of Parliament, and to speak, from this House of Commons chamber, to all the people of Canada.

I need not say to Mr. Churchill how unbounded is our admiration of the brave people of Britain. Nor need I tell him how completely he is, to us, the personification of Britain's greatness. That greatness was never more apparent than in this time of gravest crisis in the history of the world.

I speak, Mr. Churchill, for all the members of both Houses when I say that the Parliament of Canada was never more sure of its

ground than when, at the very beginning of the war, it took its stand at the side of Britain in her determination to thwart aggression and to preserve freedom. Canada was never prouder of that stand than today, when, after sharing in arms for more than two and a quarter years, with Britain and other of the nations of the British Commonwealth in the defence of freedom, she is honoured, as we especially are this afternoon, by the presence in her halls of parliament of the man who, by his clear vision, undaunted courage, inspired utterance and heroic spirit, has given such incomparable leadership to the hosts of freedom.

Again I speak for all members of parliament and for the Canadian people as a whole when I say that we are unreservedly determined to maintain our stand at Britain's side and at the side of the other nations that fight for freedom. In that determination we are also resolved to put forth our utmost effort until the day of ultimate triumph over the evil forces that now seek to dominate the world.

Mr. Churchill, it is the prayer of the people of Canada that the Divine Power by which your life has been guided and guarded amid the perils and vicissitudes of war may continue to give you the vision, the wisdom and the endurance required for your mighty task. May you be spared to share in the hour of victory the reward of your life's endeavours.

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Right Honourable Winston Churchill.