

terday that not only this Parliament but the whole of Canada joined in a spontaneous welcome to His Royal Highness the Governor General on his reaching our shores to fill the high office, the duties of which for nearly three years he has so popularly discharged, while to-day we take the first official step to express to His Royal Highness that farewell which so frequently follows the warmest welcome.

When His Royal Highness was appointed to the high office which he is shortly to vacate the people of Canada felicitated themselves for many reasons upon the important recognition which was thus accorded them by His Majesty the King in the selection which he had made. The loyalty of Canada to the empire is not only based upon the patriotism and love of its people for British institutions and for our long association as an integral part of the empire, but is also based upon its respect and its affection for the reigning family to which His Royal Highness belongs and which for over three-quarters of a century has filled the Throne of our imperial realm.

While Canada has been peculiarly fortunate in its many Governors General, all having been men of great distinction in the councils of the empire, yet we have peculiarly appreciated the appointment and presence in our midst of His Royal Highness, this not only on account of the traditions of the great and imperial Royal House which he represents but for his own person and for those qualities which have endeared him to the people of Canada. The signal services rendered by His Royal Highness in the many high offices of State which for nearly a generation he has filled in the widespread parts of the empire have placed him pre-eminently in the fore front of those distinguished servants of the State to whom the whole empire is indebted.

No former Governor General ever entered upon the office in Canada so well equipped with mature judgment and ripe experience as that which has characterized the official service of His Royal Highness. I have no doubt that the three years spent by His Royal Highness in this greater Britain of the overseas dominions will have so impressed him with the future and destiny of Canada that in him this country will have one of its best and most loyal friends in helping to promote while abroad the realization of that future to which we look.

Since his arrival upon our shores no high official of State ever identified himself more actively or more closely in the official and personal relations of the office which he filled. During the short period of his residence in Canada it may be said that he visited and came closely in contact with every part of the Dominion. He has favoured almost every community with his presence. He has actively identified himself with our public institutions. He has interested himself in our trade, our commerce and resources, and he has given a support and shown a sympathy in every phase of our national life. Upon his return to Great Britain Canada will feel that in His Royal Highness we shall not only find a friend familiar with our possibilities and potentialities, but one as enthusiastic as to our future destiny as any resident of Canada could possibly be.

For Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess and Princess Patricia the people of Canada will ever entertain the deepest regard and warmest affection. During their residence here they have struck a peculiarly responsive chord in the hearts and sympathies of our people throughout all parts of the Dominion, and we have the deepest appreciation for the gracious friendliness and sympathy which they have always displayed in their social contact with the people of Canada. We, therefore, have the most profound reasons for congratulating ourselves upon the pleasurable relations which for nearly three years have prevailed between the people of Canada and their Royal Highnesses in the discharge of their high social duties in the Vice Regal Office.

Wherever in the future His Royal Highness may go and whatever high duties of State he may be called upon to discharge the good wishes of the people of Canada will follow him, and in the future we shall pleasurably recall the presence in Canada of Their Royal Highnesses in their official, their social and personal relations with the people of this Dominion.

I therefore have very great pleasure in moving, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bostock that the Senate doth unite with the House of Commons in this address to His Royal Highness the Governor General by filling up the blank space with the words 'Senate and'.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—It is with great pleasure that I second the address which has just been moved for the consideration of the Senate. Canada has had in the past many distinguished men sent over from