

(B) HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL DESIGNATE

**1. TEXT OF RADIO ADDRESS OF THE EARL OF ATHLONE,
GOVERNOR GENERAL DESIGNATE, THE 9th OF MAY**

The Earl of Athlone, Governor General designate broadcast a message of greeting to Canada on the 9th of May.

The text of the broadcast was as follows:—

I am happy to have this opportunity to say to the people of Canada how much Princess Alice and I are looking forward to being among you. We have read and heard so much of Canada that we are eager to see your great country and to take up our life there.

I am proud to succeed Lord Tweedsmuir, whose great achievements will long be remembered throughout the length and breadth of Canada, and whose sudden death was so universally deplored. I am happy to think that I was honoured by his friendship.

On the eve of the last war we were making ready to go to Canada, where I was to have taken up the duties of Governor General. And now once more the peoples of the British Empire find themselves engaged in war.

CANADA'S VITAL PART

In this struggle, as in the last, Canada is playing a vitally important part. We in England have been encouraged and cheered in these difficult days by the knowledge that Canada stands shoulder to shoulder with us.

I myself have very recently had an opportunity to see something of the Canadian forces serving overseas. On the invitation of Major-General McNaughton I had the privilege of inspecting many units of the 1st division, taking part in an ordinary day's training and, with Princess Alice, of meeting and talking with many officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

They are a splendid body of men of whom you may well be proud. They were Seaforth Highlanders from Vancouver, the Edmonton Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Carleton and York Regiment, the Royal Montreal Regiment, and the Royal 22nd Regiment from Quebec.

Here Lord Athlone interjected a few words in French, translated as follows:—