

elapsed after the swearing in of the new ministers of the crown that, by an order in council, immigration was stopped.

In the course of this campaign, our opponents ironically questioned whether we had in the Conservative party men capable of representing, in a worthy manner, the Canadian people at the great European conferences. The population of my province especially rejoices, extends its congratulations and is thankful to the Prime Minister and his colleagues for having appointed to represent Canada at the League of Nations, the Hon. Mrs. Mary Irene Parlyb, as well as the statesman who recently worked most efficiently so as to ensure the autonomy of Canada, Sir Robert Borden; and one of our most eminent and highly respected historians, the Hon. Thomas Chapais.

It is again to fulfil a sacred pledge made to this country "to give Canada a chance" that the hon. Prime Minister has called this special emergency session of parliament so as to enact the efficient measures which are needed to relieve unemployment, bring back prosperity to agriculture and industry, and promote the sale of Canadian products on our markets as well as abroad.

In 1879—forgive me, sir, if I persist in seeking in the past a lesson for the present—at the very outset of the session, the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, then leader of the opposition, allowed the house to accept the address without amendment. Might I express the hope that the right hon. leader of the opposition, who certainly has added lustre to the name of Mackenzie, may follow the example of his distinguished predecessor in order that this special session be short, fruitful and profitable.

This is not the time for empty thoughts but for action. Let us make haste to bring back joy to the farmers as well as to the artisan's home. Let us rise above the contingencies of politics and let our thoughts be directed solely towards prosperity and the welfare of the country. If through our humble efforts we can bring back happiness in the homes and assure the glorious ascendancy of our country towards higher spheres of activity, we shall have accomplished a necessary and lasting task, we shall have proved our worth to our noble dead, and, to borrow from Poincaré one of those striking phrases, we, who are passing "in the flight of time and instability of things, we shall have brightened our fragile life by a gleam of immortality."

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. BENNETT: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that we would have been able to proceed with the debate this afternoon, but the right hon. gentleman leading the opposition has indicated that he desires to communicate with his associates. Under the circumstances of course I cannot do otherwise than accede to his request. At the first session of the new parliament in England they certainly proceeded at once with the debate on the address, and the former Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, followed the mover and the seconder. He in turn was followed by the Prime Minister. It may be, however, that conditions are somewhat different in the present case. This is a new parliament in a country where distances are very great, and I therefore have great pleasure in acceding to the request of the right hon. gentleman. We hope that to-morrow we shall be able to proceed rapidly with the disposition of the speech from the throne. There is a limited time in which to dispose of the business for which this session of parliament has been called, if members of the government are to attend the imperial and economic conferences at London. Whatever may be said about other matters the right hon. gentleman made that point an issue in the past contest; he thought it very important that the electors should be given a chance to choose their representatives. Apparently the electors have concluded that the right hon. gentleman shall not attend on their behalf. Under those circumstances it is entirely in the hands of the opposition as to whether or not this country is to be represented at that conference. For my part it is my purpose to remain at my post to dispose of the business for which this parliament has been called.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BENNETT moved the adjournment of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: My hon. friend has just referred to the desire of the government to expedite as much as possible the work of the session. We of the opposition have every desire to cooperate in that regard. I think all of us feel that it is desirable to get through the business of the special session as rapidly as may be possible, and we wish to further all reasonable efforts directed towards that end. There is some information however which we on this side of the house would like to have, and if possible we would like to have it before the continuation of