

followed by members of the royal party, their Majesties proceeded to the Legislative Council's Red Chamber, hung with rich draperies and decorated with bowers of roses and snapdragons, where several hundred guests were already assembled, including Federal and Provincial Ministers and Members as well as leaders in the professional, religious and business life of Canada and Quebec.

After Their Majesties had occupied thrones at the upper end of the Chambers, the Prime Minister standing on the right of the King, Premier Duplessis, on behalf of the only French Legislature of the British Empire, read in French an address of welcome which expressed to the Sovereigns "the sentiments of joy, respect, loyalty and affection of the entire Province of Quebec and, in particular, of Canadians of French descent." The address specially stressed the innate creed of Quebec: "Always has our Province been faithful to the Crown of Britain; equally has it been faithful...to that mission which British statesmen in 1791 confided to it: to remain altogether French." It also included a happy reference to the Queen Mother and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.

After receiving the Quebec address His Majesty handed the Premier his reply written in French. In it,