

in the opinion of those who were in constant attendance, the nurses and others waiting upon His Majesty, has played perhaps as great a part, in bringing about the present favourable condition of the sovereign, as any of his physicians. I refer to Her Majesty the Queen. With a fortitude and a courage of which we have a few similar examples in our history she has borne long vigils and cared incessantly for her husband; and as one of our great poets has said, she has discharged her duties as a wife, a mother and a queen in a manner that has merited the commendation and approval of all the people who live beneath our flag. For that, too, we are grateful, proud and happy, and realizing as we all do the weakness of human nature when assailed by the shafts of disease, we are proud to live in a country where men of science have been able to achieve such great things, and we are happy that the life of our sovereign has been spared. It is with extreme joy that upon the threshold of this new session of parliament we place on record our appreciation of the great service rendered to the empire and the world by our Sovereign Lord and King and the great part he has played in peace and in war in relation both to his own subjects and to people in far off lands. The interest with which they have followed the course of his illness has been the subject of much discussion throughout the world. Why was this so? It was not alone because of his position but because of the splendid example he had given of devotion and unselfish courage in the performance of the duties of his high office.

So in common with all the people beneath our flag it gives me very great pleasure indeed to associate myself with the motion of the Prime Minister that this parliament place on record its sincere and fervent hope that the life of the one who means so much to the world, and very much more to our empire, may be long spared, that he may rule over a loyal, devoted and contented people. That indeed is in accordance with the history and tradition of His Majesty's loyal opposition.

Mr. ROBERT GARDINER (Acadia): I desire to take this opportunity of associating myself and my colleagues with the remarks of the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition. We trust that His Majesty the King is on the road to recovery and that soon he will be so far recovered as to be able to take his accustomed place and perform the duties which attach themselves to his great office.

Mr. JOHN EVANS (Rosetown): On behalf of the group which I represent I wish also to extend our sympathy to His Majesty the King because of his long illness. He has endeared himself to all his subjects by the keen interest he has always taken in their welfare, and we sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Motion agreed to.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the said address be engrossed.

Motion agreed to.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That a message be sent to the Senate informing their honours that this house has passed an address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King expressing the thankfulness and rejoicing of the people of Canada on the promise of complete recovery of His Majesty and requesting their honours to unite with this house in the said address hereto attached, and that the clerk of the house do carry such message to the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the select standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. King (Kootenay), Forke, Casgrain, Hanson and Stewart (Leeds).

He said: This is the same committee we had last year.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health, the Honourable J. C. Elliott, Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, Secretary of State, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled An Act respecting the House of Commons.

THE LATE MR. GOODISON

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, you have