

had a fine record of military service. He has been a member of the Labour Party of Britain for nearly forty years, and its leader for more than ten years. Though still with the promise of many years before him, he has already lived to see fulfilment of some of the great purposes of his life.

Few men have had a comparable political career. Mr. Attlee has been a member of the Parliament of the United Kingdom for twenty-three years. During that time he has held many high offices of state which he administered with great ability and the utmost fidelity. As Leader of the Opposition he joined in forming the Coalition, at the greatest crisis of the war. During the period of the Coalition he held after 1942 the office of Deputy Prime Minister. He combined this difficult position with the continued leadership of his party. He is today head of the administration and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. This is a record of personal achievement, political success and public service which will ever hold a high and honourable place in the history of Britain.

It has fallen to the lot of few, if any, statesmen to be faced with greater problems than those by which Mr. Attlee is faced today. In the discharge of his grave responsibilities, I should like to assure the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of the understanding and co-operation of the government of Canada. I am speaking, I know,