

House of Commons might claim his right to speak for that House, a course which might complicate the Coronation program. At King George V's Jubilee the Speaker exercised this privilege to speak for the Commons (U.K. Hansard, March 8 and 9, 1935, col. 977, 1107-9). On the other hand, if the United Kingdom Address were official, presumably it would be for the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to present it. It may be noted here that, under United Kingdom practice, when parliamentary Addresses are in order, the Commons and the Lords apparently present separate Addresses and they are not always in the same words.

3. For King George V's Jubilee the U.K. Commons, on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion, voted the following Address (U.K. Hansard, March 8, 1935, col. 977):

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to congratulate His Majesty on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of His Accession to the Throne.

In moving this Mr. MacDonald explained that—

In order to mark the special significance of the occasion, it is proposed that Mr. Speaker should exercise his ancient right of voicing the sentiments of this House, and he has consented to address His Majesty on behalf of this House in his own words.

On the following day, when the House attended the King in Westminster Hall, the Speaker in presenting the Address used words of his own (about a column and a half of Hansard). Thereafter he reported to the House, and the following entry was made (U.K. Hansard, March 9, 1935, col. 1107):

Mr. Speaker: I have to report to the House that this House has this day attended His Majesty in Westminster Hall with an Address; in reply to which His Majesty was pleased to make a Most Gracious Speech.

Ordered, "That Mr. Speaker's words in presenting the Address, and His Majesty's Most Gracious Reply, be entered upon the Journals of this House".—(The Prime Minister.)

Following this the Speaker's words in presenting the Address are set out in full. He began, "We, Your Majesty's faithful Commons, desire to offer our humble congratulations on the completion of twenty-five years of Your reign", and so on.

4. Whether, as regards a Canadian parliamentary Address for the Coronation, any similar question concerning the Speaker here would arise is for consideration.

5. But, apart from that question, there would be certain awkwardnesses if all the words that are to be said for Canada to the King at the Coronation were to be set out in a motion in the House. Words appropriate to such an occasion run more naturally if they can speak as of the day of their delivery—a character which cannot wholly naturally be given to them if they have to be passed some weeks in advance. What seems more important, there would be certain disadvantages in publishing the full communication in advance. The actual presentations will occur at a central and vital part