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Standing at the side of the King, the Prime
Minister commented upon the changes which a hundred
years have brought in the relations of the Crown and
its advisers. It must have been a moment of deep
satisfaction to a heart burning for the ideals of Liberty
and Justice.

When I visited King, he showed me the 1837 proclamation. At its side, there was another document, similarly framed - Canada's declaration of war, dated September 10, 1939. It bears the signature of the great grandson of Queen Victoria and the signature of the grandson of the rebel Mackenzie. What a source of reflection, I thought, for a men who never forgets the struggles and privations of his ancestors. Here was his King. There was his maternal grandfather. And as we turned to the door of the library, he faced the picture of his mother, the radiant influence of his life.

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