

The late Queen Mary

I know that there are many in this house who recall as I do the dramatic scene in London in 1935 when King George V and Queen Mary passed through the streets of London at the time of their jubilee. I think it came as a revelation, even to the people of Britain and certainly to the rest of the world, to see the outpouring of affection on the part of the people who were there and which indicated the place that Queen Mary as well as King George V had taken in the heart of everyone.

I remember also after they had returned from St. Paul's cathedral and came out on the balcony of the palace there were two young girls beside them at that time. One of them is the present Queen. To her the sympathy of every Canadian goes out at this time because of a deep bond of affection which endeared her to all of us. We extend our sympathies not only to a queen but to the granddaughter of a woman who will always command the respect of everyone who loves decency and the traditions to which we adhere.

Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggan): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all members of this house join in supporting this address. There are times in history when personalities often mark the end or the beginning of an era. With the passing of Her Majesty Queen Mary the last link with the Victorian era has been severed. That was the thought that came to my mind last evening when I learned that she had passed away.

All in this commonwealth, which in her lifetime was transformed from an empire into a commonwealth, revered this great lady, a wife, a mother and a queen. She was a stately figure whom we not only revered but recognized as a symbol of an age that has passed away.

In joining in support of this motion I do not think we can do better than to remember the great example of womanhood and motherhood that she gave to the people of the British commonwealth and the world.

Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, the group for which I speak would like to join with the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) in support of the address that they have moved, and also to be associated with the tributes they have paid to England's grand old lady. I had the privilege of meeting Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace in 1948. At that time I did not find her to be the severe dowager that she was so often portrayed; I found her to be rather more a queen. I was struck by her kindness of heart, by her regal bearing and

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by her remarkable self-discipline even although at that time she was eighty years of age.

Those who were well acquainted with Queen Mary say that she will be best remembered for her extreme neatness of mind and the probing thoroughness with which from the time she was a young girl she set about satisfying her intense curiosity about the world around her. Wherever she went or in whatever she was interested she brought order out of chaos and she gave unusual attention to little things.

Queen Mary was indeed a remarkable woman in many ways and she has left the imprint of her sterling character on the whole Royal Family. To us she had been for many years what others have so well referred to as a symbol of the royal idea in Britain, that come what may, the crown abides.

We join with all hon. members in this house in paying our deep respect to her blessed memory and in extending to the Royal Family our sincere sympathies in this time of their sorrow.

Mr. Speaker: The house has heard the motion moved by the Prime Minister and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. Will the house rise for a moment's silence?

Whereupon the house rose in silence.

Mr. St. Laurent: I move, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, that the address be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker, I further move, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition:

That a message be sent to the Senate informing Their Honours that this house has passed an Address to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen, expressing the deep regret and heartfelt sorrow of the house at the demise of Her Majesty the late Queen Mary, and requesting Their Honours to unite with this house in the said Address, and that the Clerk do carry that message to the Senate.

Motions agreed to.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT**APPROVAL OF REPORT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mr. H. W. Winkler (Lisgar) moved:

That the report of the civil service commission respecting the organization of the library of parliament laid on the table of the house on Tuesday, March 24, 1953, be now approved.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS**SURPLUS CROWN ASSETS—MISCELLANEOUS SCRAP**

Mr. Robichaud:

1. What are the particulars of the miscellaneous scrap sold to Sorel Industries Ltd., Sorel, Quebec,