

2. TEXT OF THE ADDRESS ADOPTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE 13th JUNE, THE DAY OF OBSERVANCE IN CANADA OF HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, the members of the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, desire respectfully to extend our loyal and affectionate greetings to Your Majesty on this day set apart for the official observance in Canada of Your Majesty's birthday.

Just one year ago Your Majesty and Her Gracious Majesty the Queen were receiving the united acclaim of the Canadian people as your memorable tour of the Dominion was drawing to its close. To-day, our feelings of loyalty and affection for Your Majesty and our regard for the freedom of British institutions symbolized in the Crown are stronger and deeper than ever.

We have witnessed with all the pride of devoted fealty how Your Majesty has discharged your high and solemn duty with undaunted courage, wisdom and understanding.

In this dark hour when the ruthless ambitions of wicked men have shattered the hopes of the civilized world, the people of Canada vividly recall how faithfully you laboured to prevent the calamity that threatens the world's freedom.

Your peoples stand resolute in the defence of the liberties of mankind. Steadfast in the noblest of causes, united in purpose, we are heartened by the inspiration of your example.

We pray that Divine Providence may continue to guide and guard Your Majesty in the discharge of your high responsibilities and that you may be vouchsafed continued strength and many years in the maintenance of the glories of your ancient Throne."

(An address in these terms was also adopted by the Senate).