

APPENDIX "B"

UNVEILING OF PORTRAITS

OF

CANADA'S PRIME MINISTERS IN TWO WORLD WARS

THE LATE RIGHT HON. SIR ROBERT LAIRD BORDEN

AND

THE RIGHT HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING

JUNE 10, 1947

In the presence of:

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Field Marshal the Right Honourable the Viscount Alexander of Tunis;

The President of the United States of America, Harry S. Truman.

Senator the Honourable J. H. King, Speaker of the Senate, and the Honourable Gaspard Fauteux, Speaker of the House of Commons, presided.

Also present were:

The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada; Right Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie, Leader of the House of Commons; Senator the Honourable Wishart McL. Robertson, Leader of the Government in the Senate; His Excellency the Honourable Ray Atherton, Ambassador of the United States of America; Fleet Admiral W. D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the United States Army and Navy; Senator the Honourable John T. Haig, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate; John Bracken, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons; Senator the Honourable C. C. Ballantyne; M. J. Caldwell, Leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation party; Solon E. Low, Leader of the Social Credit party; Frank O. Salisbury; Kenneth Forbes; and other members of the Senate and of the House of Commons.

At 5.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor General of Canada and the President of the United States of America arrived in the Chambers of the Speaker of the House of Commons and proceeded to the main lobby.

God Save the King
The Star-Spangled Banner

Hon. GASPARD FAUTEUX (Speaker of the House of Commons): Mr. President, Your Excellency, guests of honour, and honourable members of the Senate and of the House of Commons: We are gathered here this afternoon to witness the unveiling of the portraits of two of Canada's most distinguished sons. In the hours of stress, when the world was in the throes of terrible wars, we were fortunate in having as prime ministers two men endowed with strong patriotism, vision and strength of character. They were, during the war of 1914-1918, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, and, during the recent war of 1939-1945, the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King.

Before I proceed further may I say, in the name of all present, how much indebted we are and how grateful we all feel to His Excellency the Governor General, Field Marshal Lord Alexander, for honouring this occasion by his presence, and for having graciously consented to unveil the two portraits.

We are also deeply grateful to His Excellency for bringing with him his distinguished guest, the President of the United States of America, who arrived in Ottawa this afternoon on a brief visit to Canada. We are indeed delighted that Mr. Truman should, on such short notice, have been prepared to join His Excellency.

Mr. President, Your Excellency, you may both be assured that your presence within our