

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The following is the speech from the throne read by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught at the formal opening of Parliament on Thursday:

"Honorable gentlemen of the senate, gentlemen of the house of commons, it is with much satisfaction that I meet for the first time the parliament of Canada and avail myself of your advice and assistance in the fulfilment of the important charge which has been entrusted to me by his Majesty the King.

"I can assure you that I esteem it a privilege to be called upon to administer the affairs of this prosperous and growing Dominion, and to associate myself with you in the important duties which you are about to approach. It affords me great pleasure to congratulate you upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the country.

"Our trade, both with British and foreign countries, is rapidly expanding, and there is every prospect that its volume in the present year will be largely in excess of that attained at any time in the past.

"Although there has been some damage to the crops in certain districts the harvest has on the whole been abundant, and it is believed that the returns to the husbandman will exceed those secured in any previous year.

"The results of the census taken during the present year will be laid before you, so far as they have been tabulated. While the increase in population has not fulfilled all the sanguine expectations that had been formed, yet it has been substantial and encouraging.

"You will be pleased to know that the revenues for the current fiscal year have up to the present largely exceeded those of any similar period in the past with every prospect that this increase will be maintained.

"The advantages that would result from a wider exchange of products between the various countries of the empire are undoubted in view of the wonderful variety and extent of those productions and negotiations have been opened for improved trade arrangements with the British West Indies and British Guiana, which should prove advantageous to those colonies as well as to this Dominion.

"The importance of providing our country with better highways is manifest. A bill will be introduced for the purpose of enabling the Dominion to co-operate with the provinces in the accomplishment of this desirable object.

"It is essential to recognize that in a country possessing so great an area of fertile land as that which this Dominion is happily endowed, the great basic industry is agriculture. My advisers are convinced that the time has come when greater aid and encouragement should be given to those who are engaged in the cultivation of the land. To this end a measure will be introduced under which it is hoped that there may be co-operation between the Dominion and the various provinces for the purpose of assisting and encouraging our farmers to secure the best results in production, and at the same time preserve the fertility of the soil.

Terminal Elevators

"A measure will be introduced revising and consolidating the acts relating to the inspection of grain and providing the means by which the government can secure, through a commission, the control and operation of the terminal elevators upon the Great Lakes.

"A bill will be introduced to establish a permanent tariff commission whose duty it shall be to ascertain, by investigation and inquiry, such information as will furnish a more stable and satisfactory basis for tariff legislation than has heretofore been available.

"Bills will also be laid before you with respect to the department of external affairs, the archives and other subjects.

Hudson Bay Railway

"The selection of the best route for the Hudson Bay railway is engaging the attention of my advisers and an announcement will be made to you of the result of their inquiry.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the last year will be laid before you. The balance of the estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

"I commend the subjects which I have mentioned to your best consideration. I trust that your deliberations under the blessing of Divine Providence may tend to the welfare and good government of this Dominion."

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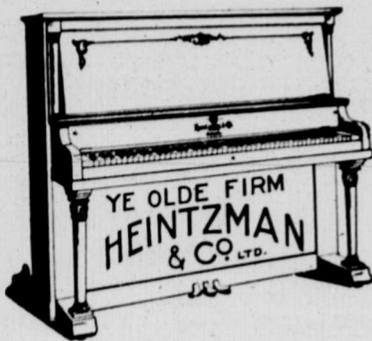
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THE CROWN IN COMMISSION

The members of the commission which will discharge the functions of the Sovereign during the absence of King George in India are Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Loreburn (as the Lord High Chancellor) and Viscount Morley (as Lord President of the Council). The commission was appointed by the Privy Council, and its appointment has given occasion for the discussion of various constitutional questions and the display of much constitutional lore.

By the Act of Settlement in 1700 provision was made that the Sovereign should not be out of the three kingdoms without the consent of Parliament. This, however, was repealed in 1715, and although Queen Anne never left the country, George I. and George II. took advantage of the act of 1715 to make frequent journeys to the continent. On the other hand, George III. travelled little at home, and never went abroad; George IV.'s one absence from the realm was in 1821, and William IV. remained at home throughout his reign.

In 1843, when Queen Victoria visited the King of France, and 1845, when she made a visit to Germany, some points with regard to the constitutional practice were raised. From 1700 to 1843 it had been customary for the Crown to appoint Lords Justices or a guardian during absence, the powers granted usually including every exercise of the Royal authority except that of granting peerages and assenting to acts of Parliament. As a matter of fact, there has been no such commission appointed since 1821, and the practice had come to be regarded as obsolete.

The opinion of the law officers given on the points raised in 1843 was that the law did not require any appointments of Lords Justices, and it was pointed out in a debate in Parliament in 1845 that the facilities of travel had removed even the expediency of such an action. The facilities of travel at the present time, needless to say, are incomparably greater. While the journeyings of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII., however, were confined within a comparatively small radius from London, King George V., in sailing for distant India, has established a new and interesting precedent.

A GRAND STAND PLAYER

"Ma'am, we don't take babies in these apartments."

"Babies, indeed! Why, this child plays baseball about the house as good as a man. I put him in pants next week."