

*Death of King George V*

sacrifice of principles is a despicable thing, but compromise as the discovery of a working arrangement through which various points of view are reconciled and some advance made in the difficult art of learning to live together—such compromise is essential to successful democratic government. Herein, perhaps, lies the peculiar genius of the British people. Without too violent a break with the past, the national life has again and again been revolutionized. In various countries monarchies have given place to dictatorships. In England, political democracy has broadened down from precedent to precedent. When I affirm that it must broaden still more I believe that I am in line with the best British tradition.

The king is a symbol, but much more than an inanimate symbol. He is flesh and blood as we are. To-day the empire mourns the passing of a man, a son, a husband, a father. Burns, in making a plea for the common man, declared: "A man's a man for a' that." One might thus plead for those who inherit high office—a man's a man for a' that. As one recalls the court life of an earlier day; as one thinks of the domineering, strutting heads of some modern nations, one cannot but be thankful for certain qualities exhibited in the personal and official life of our late king.

King Edward comes to the throne in days of strain and stress at home and abroad. He, and all of us, face an uncertain future. I should like to think that the sympathy expressed by the king, when the Prince of Wales, at the time of the miners' strike, to which reference was made by the last speaker, will characterize not only the new king but also his advisers in Great Britain and throughout the empire.

The proclamation "The king is dead. Long live the king!" is of little importance unless we set ourselves with determination to bring in the better day.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Mrs. MARTHA LOUISE BLACK (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that I would be derelict in my duty to the women of my beloved constituency in the north and to the women of Canada generally if I did not join my voice to the voices of the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and my right  
[Mr. Woodsworth.]

hon. leader (Mr. Bennett). Her Majesty the Queen has set the women of Canada an example of devotion to home life, devotion to family and devotion to the business that comes up every day by which we must all profit, and I should like to be allowed to join in this tribute of regret and sympathy to that beautiful woman.

Motions agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: There is no necessity of any ancillary motions, since I understand identical resolutions were adopted in the Senate to-day. As this concludes the order of business for this afternoon I now move the adjournment of the house.

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps before the house adjourns the right hon. gentleman would indicate whether or not it would be possible to lay on the table a report of the dominion-provincial conference. I think perhaps we should have some official record before the debate proceeds on Monday. I recall the right hon. gentleman asking me the same question in happier days—

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): And what was the answer?

Mr. BENNETT: The answer was that we did our business without keeping any minutes and disposed of it very promptly, with a unanimity that could have been hardly expected in view of the fact that the provinces were not all of one political faith.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I recall quite well asking my right hon. friend if he would table a report of the dominion-provincial conferences held during his day, and his reply that he had no report to table. I am happy to say that my reply to him will not be the same. I shall be pleased to lay on the table of the house on Monday the report of the dominion-provincial conference, which I think will bring satisfaction to all members of the house including even my right hon. friend. If he wishes to have a copy before Monday, I shall be glad to see that one is sent to his office.

Mr. BENNETT: I should greatly appreciate it.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.35 p.m.