

everywhere prevalent in Canada. And as for his consort, Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, she has brought to her position a grace and a charm which will be long remembered particularly by the women of Canada who have had the privilege of meeting her.

Mr. Speaker, had I been drafting this resolution there are two or three things I would have added. I would have asked His Excellency, for instance, to take back to Britain the general appreciation of the people of Canada to the British people for the way they faced the perils of the last six years and for the way they are facing the problems of to-day. I would have asked him to tell them that we recognize they have given not only the blood of their sons but also a quarter of the total of their material wealth in order to head off the domination of the world by a false philosophy. I would have asked him to tell them that we shall not forget that twice in a generation they have stood between Canada and defeat in war. Finally, I would have asked him to tell them that we in Canada shall not fail to remember these things in the fateful and challenging days upon which we are entering.

As I said, it is a privilege to have the opportunity of seconding this motion. I trust that they will take back with them happy memories of Canada, and that they will live long and further cement the ties which bind this country to Britain and to the British traditions of justice which everyone in Canada so much admires.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): Mr. Speaker, I should very much like to associate this group with the motion which has just been made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and also perhaps with the suggestion of the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken) as to the expansion of the terms of the resolution.

As the Prime Minister has said, we have been well served in Canada by His Excellency and his charming consort. They have followed the constitutional procedures of our country and the traditional usages of the land from which they came and whose institutions we follow so closely.

Saying good-bye to them takes me back a good many years. When I was a lad, the first time I ever saw any members of the royal family was when the present Governor General of Canada and his young and beautiful lady visited the small college in which I was a student. At that time it was known as Exeter university college; to-day it is the university of Southwest England. I well remember the charm of that visit, and, per-

haps because of that, I have been interested in watching Their Highnesses for some years. I have been glad to notice that they have always taken a profound interest in the welfare of the people. I recollect that when they were in South Africa they were most active in assisting in every way possible the re-housing of the people who dwelt in the depressed areas around Cape Town; and in our own country they have long advocated, with constitutional circumspection, improved educational facilities, and in these respects have shown judgment and breadth of vision. While I find it very difficult to discover any logical reason for the continuance of a royal house, none the less I feel that as long as we have members of the royal family who conduct themselves as Their Majesties the King and Queen, and as the Earl of Athlone and the Princess Alice have done, the institution will serve a useful purpose in our commonwealth of free nations. I am therefore very glad to join with the Prime Minister, the leader of the opposition, and I am sure, all other hon. members in wishing them godspeed and many years of happiness in what is a probable retirement.

Mr. SOLON LOW (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, members of the Social Credit group are thankful that Canada has been privileged to have the Earl of Athlone as Governor General during the years of the war. We are mindful of the splendid and devoted way in which he has conducted the affairs of his high office. Now that the time has come when we must bid farewell to the Earl and the Princess Alice, we join with other members of this house in wishing them godspeed, and we want them to know that our best and sincerest wishes for their future health and happiness go with them. We are glad, therefore, Mr. Speaker, unanimously to join with the Prime Minister in supporting this motion.

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, may I be granted the privilege of adding a few words in French in support of the motion which has just been moved and seconded with such good taste by the hon. members of the house who spoke before me.

His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice have very often and with complete mastery expressed themselves in the language used by Canadians of French descent to convey their feelings towards us and to encourage us in our loyalty to our traditions and institutions. Therefore, it is fitting, and I feel sure everyone will agree, that, using the same language,