

of union which has been achieved, a blessing to yourselves and your posterity, and a fresh starting point in the moral, political and material advancement of the people of Canada.”

May divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Martin (Essex East), it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency, delivered this day from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that a Message had been received from the Right Honourable Horace Maybray King, Speaker of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom, conveying the text of a resolution of that House as follows:

The Prime Minister
Mr. Edward Heath
Mr. Jeremy Thorpe

Centenary of the Canadian Parliament: *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That this House, mindful of its debates in February and March 1867, which led to the passage of the British North America Act and to the establishment of the Parliament and Dominion of Canada and recalling the hopes then expressed that the foundation had thereby been laid for the development of strong and self-reliant parliamentary institutions in that country; notes that these hopes have been amply fulfilled in the continuing vigour and vitality of the parliamentary system in Canada and sends most friendly greetings and warm congratulations to the Canadian House of Commons on the centenary of its establishment, and all good wishes for the second century of its existence.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Diefenbaker, it was resolved,—

THAT THIS HOUSE,

Acknowledging the Resolution of the British House of Commons, conveying most friendly greetings and warm congratulations on the centenary of the establishment of the Canadian House of Commons, and all good wishes for the second century of its existence;

Recalling the unflinching goodwill extended to it by the British House of Commons at the time of Confederation, and throughout the century that has followed;

Mindful that parliamentary institutions, our heritage from the Mother of Parliaments, have served Canada well during the past hundred years;

Requests Mr. Speaker to express to the British House of Commons sincere and grateful appreciation for its kind greetings and congratulations.

Mr. Pearson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:

ROLAND MICHENER:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Order in Council appointing the Honourable George James