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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

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OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1937

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11 o'clock, a.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, That it be Resolved: That an Humble Address, in the following words, be presented to His Majesty the King, on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation:—

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, the members of the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, desire respectively to renew, on the occasion of Your Majesty's Coronation, the assurance of our united loyalty and support, and to offer our heartfelt good wishes for Your Majesty's Reign.

Since Your Accession, we have not failed to recognize, in Your Majesty's public utterances, the assertion of those principles under which the prerogatives and powers of government, vested in Your Person, are held and exercised only according to law and custom sanctioned by general consent. Justice, civil liberty and ordered freedom, thus secured, constitute a most precious heritage. These time-honoured principles, permeating the relations of Your Peoples and their homelands one with another, have served to create a community of free States, responsible for their own destinies, yet resolved to conserve their common inheritance as one of the treasures of mankind. The solemn form and character of Your Majesty's Coronation, comprehending both the old and the new, will, we believe, afford a more vivid sense of the meaning and value of the Crown, thereby strengthening the bonds of mutual trust and affection between the Sovereign and His Peoples.

To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth we desire also to express our sentiments of loyalty and devotion. We rejoice that the great responsibilities of the Throne are shared by one who already holds a place in the affections of Your Peoples, and whose example fosters those simple and homely virtues which beautify character and enrich family life. The companionship in service thus enjoyed, while ensuring Your personal happiness, will afford to Your Majesty support and strength in the discharge of Your public duties.