

The Address—Mr. Matthews

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Yours sincerely,

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Mr. MANION: The statement has already been published in the press?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes, but I thought it would be of interest to hon. members to have it on Hansard.

Mr. MANION: I merely wanted to know whether it was the statement published in the press by the chairman.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes, my hon. friend is right.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: May we not have the assurance of the Prime Minister that the government will stand behind the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in this matter?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think so, yes.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. J. E. MATTHEWS
AND SECONDED BY MR. LIONEL CHEVRIER

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. J. E. MATTHEWS (Brandon) moved:

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both houses of parliament, namely,—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it Please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

He said: In making this motion I desire at the same time to express my sincere accord with the remarks made on Friday last by hon. members of this house touching upon the memory of those members who passed away during the recess. I desire to express my personal appreciation of the fine tributes that were paid to the sterling qualities of my predecessor, the late member for the constituency of Brandon. I can add little, if anything, to

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those tributes that have already been paid, and I would merely say that Mr. Beaubier was a worthy citizen, a man who gave good service to his country, one for whom I had a very sincere regard and whose friendship I was privileged to share. He has left behind a large circle of friends of every class and every creed.

Before going further I should like to extend my congratulations to the hon. the new leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition (Mr. Manion) upon his elevation to the leadership of a great and historic party. We all realize his heavy responsibilities, for upon his shoulders has fallen the mantle of outstandingly able men. In the discharge of his onerous duties we wish him a large measure of success, although possibly there may be some in this house who would desire that that success have its limitations! The hon. gentleman paid my constituency the honour of a visit, early in November last I think it was. I did not have the privilege of meeting him at that time, because other duties were crowding upon me; but I can say this, and I think he will corroborate what I say, that he received a warm and cordial welcome there and formed many very fine friendships.

The speech from the throne made fitting reference to the prospective visit to Canada in May next of the King and Queen of the British Empire, the King and Queen of Canada. No words of mine can adequately express the admiration and respect of the Canadian people for our beloved sovereign and their loyalty to the crown. Our minds go back to his majesty's famous broadcast on New Year's Day, 1937, which concluded with these sincere and memorable words:

My wife and I dedicate ourselves for all time to your service, and we pray that God may give us guidance and strength to follow the path that lies before us.

These are noble sentiments, and they were expressed by a sovereign who, we all feel sure, will ever play a kingly part. Somehow, whenever I think of Her Gracious Majesty, the product of a Scottish clan, those words of Tennyson's come back to me, words which I believe are as applicable to Queen Elizabeth as they were ever applicable to her illustrious predecessor, Victoria the Good:

Her court was pure, her life serene,
God gave her peace, her land reposed,
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her, as mother, wife and Queen.

I should like to express my gratitude to the right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) for having asked me to move this address. I regard it as a distinct honour, not to myself but to the constituency which I have been chosen to represent. I think all hon. members will agree with me that not