

veloped in the century just closed. We meet under the rule of a monarch whose reign has scarcely begun, but under whose sway we hope to see the glories of the Victorian age enlarged and increased and extended until all mankind may recognize the advantages which we enjoy; and we are here a new parliament assembled for the first time to discharge those duties which are ours to discharge for this portion of the great empire which is immediately our own. A new century, a new king and a new parliament! In what hopes may we not indulge of a future for our country in which we shall perform an important part in enlarging the field of enterprise, in widening the bounds of freedom, in adding to the sum of human happiness, in giving effect to the aspirations of our people that all life in this land may be truthful, patriotic and noble. We may differ to some extent, we no doubt will differ to a considerable extent, as to the way in which our highest ideals may be realized; but in those differences, may we never forget that we have high ideals, that we are animated by pure motives, and that the many races and creeds which enjoy the benefits and blessings of Canadian life have one common object—to make this country a land of happy homes, a land of peace, a land of tolerance, a land of liberty in which, what we were, what our ancestors were, what they quarrelled over in the past, shall be remembered only in so far as they are helpful to enable us to live happily together now and to strive in pleasant unison or in friendly rivalry, for the successful development of those sterling virtues which come to us through all the races from which we have sprung, and upon which, we hope to build the strong walls of the national edifice.

In this Senate, removed to a considerable extent from the influence of popular passion and prejudice, but animated by a sincere desire to properly interpret and express the best judgment of the Canadian people, we may reasonably give effect to these sentiments and in this spirit, Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to move:

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 House of Parliament, namely:—

Hon. Mr. ELLIS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfair, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate 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.

Hon. Mr. JONES—In rising to second the address which has been moved by the hon. gentleman from St. John, I would ask the indulgence of the House, which I am sure will be given to a young member, or rather, I should say, a new member of this House, and while I cannot ask it, as the mover did, on the ground of youth, I can certainly ask it on the ground of inexperience, and I am sure it will be granted. I could have wished that this duty had devolved on some one other than myself, but I appreciate the honour done me in allowing me to second the address. I have listened with great pleasure to the speech of the hon. the mover, and I am pleased to see that he seems to have left me but little to add to what he has said in making the motion. I hesitate to make any considerable remarks, knowing that I am speaking in the presence of learned gentlemen accustomed to public speaking, and who could so well have said what should be said on an occasion of this kind. The speech from the Throne, to which we are replying, differs from any previous speech in the history of Canada, especially on account of its official announcement to this House of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. With reference to this, I will not, I am sure, be misunderstood if I do not add at any length to the remarks which have already fallen from the mover, and the speeches which have been made over the country on various occasions that have offered, and the splendid address delivered in the House of Commons on Friday last by the hon. the prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and so ably seconded and concurred in by the leader of the opposition. The address itself indicates the great sorrow that has fallen upon us, and