

VICTORIA MOURNS DEATH OF KING

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Hon. Richard McBride, in speaking of the death of the King, said:

"British Columbians, always loyal to the throne, will mourn in common with millions of his late Majesty's subjects throughout the empire his deplorable demise. We, in this westernmost province, have always been more or less directly under the eye of the sovereign, and it seems only the other day that we were rejoicing over his kindly personal interest in our people."

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"What more can be said of his Majesty now that he has laid aside the scepter and is resting in his already well-earned rest? He was the first gentleman and best-beloved monarch of his times? Always patient and indulgent, his relations with foreign powers were especially distinguished by the great confidence that alien nations invariably placed in his every word and act."

Rt. Rev. W. Perrin, Bishop of Columbia, in conversation with the Times this morning, referred to the obvious loss at this moment to the man who seemed to be able to ally discord in political affairs in England, but, he added, "In God's order it may emphasize more clearly than anything else the absolute duty of the nation to trust in God rather than man, and all together seek the highest God."

Bishop Perrin will not be in the cathedral to-morrow, as he is announced to administer the rite of confirmation at Saanich. The morning sermon will be preached by the Archdeacon, and in the evening the preacher will be Rev. W. Barton.

Mayor Morley said to the Times this morning:

"I am sure that the citizens of Victoria will unite in observing the customary tributes to the memory of the man who, in his great loyalty to the empire, and to the world at large, no mourning can do full justice to the sudden bereavement of the nation."

His Worship added that as soon as the Provincial government, official arrangements will be made by the civic authorities for a memorial service.

Bishop of Victoria, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Victoria, said: "The news of the King's passing, which comes as a shock to the whole world, brings a pang of sorrow and a sense of bereavement to the children of the world-wide empire."

Victoria will be in mourning until after the funeral of the late King. The following are the names of the children of the late King: (1) H. R. H. George, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, Earl of Chester, b. 1865; heir to the throne, and second son of the King; entered the navy and spent a number of years in the service, his latest command being H. M. S. Crescent.

DRAPED IN EMBLEMS OF NATIONAL GRIEF

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