

Aughrim, Wicklow, 5th Feb., 1916.

Rt. Hon. R. Borden,  
Ottawa, Canada

All Ireland filled with indignation at brutal outrage. Accept deepest sympathy of our people.

Redmond.

Panne, 6th February, 1916.

Sir Robert Borden,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Lament irreparable loss of beautiful buildings. Congratulate you on merciful escape.

Alexander of Teck.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 5, 1916.

Right Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden,  
Prime Minister,  
Ottawa, Ont.

The Canadian Club of Boston in executive meeting assembled extends to you its sincere sympathy at the loss of life and destruction of historic Parliament Buildings. We are sure that from the ruins will arise with the indomitable Canadian spirit a new and grander edifice to testify the unconquerable soul of Canada.

Martin Green,  
Secretary.

London, 6th Feb., 1916.

Prime Minister,  
Canada.

I and all Canadian Corps wish to express our deep regret at deplorable loss of Dominion Parliament Buildings.

General Sir Edwin Alderson.

London, 6th Feb., 1916.

Prime Minister,  
Ottawa.

Desire express sympathy of Salvation Army in the deplorable disastrous fire which, whether occasioned by accident or design, has caused such loss and disappointment, and removed from one of the beauty spots of the Empire that striking result of faith and bold imagination so courageously established in early days of Canada's history. But the flag still flies I am convinced.

That faith in God in Canada in the future will shortly rise up out of the ashes a building more noble and more expressive of the opportunities and determination of a great and free people.

General Booth.

Ottawa, February 5, 1916.

Dear Sir Robert:

Confirming my verbal communication of this evening, I hasten to inform you that I have just received a cable from my Chief, Baron Beyens, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, directing me to tender to the Government of the Dominion, on behalf of the Belgian Government, the expression of its deep sympathy in the general regret caused by the destruction of the Parliament Building.

My Government expresses special feelings of sympathy with the loss of life having resulted from the disaster.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) M. Goor.

Royal Consulate of Sweden at Montreal.  
Montreal, February 4, 1916.

Sir.—The deplorable news of the disaster that has met the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa and the loss of life and other great values thereby sustained induce me to offer to you the expression of my warmest sympathy.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant

(Sgd.) David Bergstrom,  
Royal Swedish Consul General.

The Right Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden,  
P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D.,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa.

Toronto, Ont., 6th Feb., 1916.

The Right Honourable  
Sir Robert Borden,  
Ottawa, Ont.

On behalf of my congregation and myself I beg to offer expression of heartfelt regret at the terrible catastrophe which has befallen the Parliament Buildings of the Dominion of Canada.

Rabbi Jacobs,  
Toronto.

Consulate of Norway for Canada.  
Montreal, 5th February, 1916.

Sir.—On behalf of my Government I wish to express my sincere regret to the Government and people of Canada at the irreparable national loss suffered through the destruction of the Federal Parliament Building and most of its priceless contents. I also much deplore the grievous loss of life with which this calamity so unhappily was attended, and desire to extend my sympathy to those bereaved on this occasion.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) F. Koren,  
Royal Norwegian Consul for Canada.

The Right Hon. Sir R. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa.

#### CANADA SHIPPING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR (Guysborough) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 21, to amend the Canada Shipping Act.

Mr. HAZEN: Explain.

Mr. SINCLAIR: The Bill is a copy of the Bill which I introduced two years ago and which passed its first and second readings. It was then referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries, but got no further. The purpose of the Bill is to enable captains with coasting certificates to navigate their ships further south than 5° north latitude, which is as far south as the law at present permits them to go. If this Bill passes, it will permit captains holding coasting certificates to navigate as far south as 40° south latitude or to the mouth of the river Platte in South America.