

*Governor General's Speech*

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Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public service.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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You have reason to rejoice in the proud position which Canada enjoys as a member of the British commonwealth of nations. The world-wide celebrations commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty have impressed the whole world with the unity and solidarity

of the Empire, the devotion and loyalty of its peoples to the crown and the extent of its influence for peace and security.

My official connection with Canada is drawing to a close. My interest in the dominion, however, will not terminate with my departure from its hospitable shores. I shall continue to watch its progress and development with deep and abiding interest and the sincere hope and belief that, under God's Providence, it will ever increasingly prosper.

This concluded the sixth session of the seventeenth parliament.

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