

House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) on his long and useful career. His reputation, his abilities, his sterling qualities are known the world over, and there is no need for me to elaborate further, except to add the expression of my personal esteem and admiration for this great Liberal.

I am also proud to point out that after the heat and turmoil of the October elections in Quebec and of the federal elections last March, Quebec remained faithful to the ideal of Liberalism and to the policy of the Liberal Administration at Ottawa. This close union between Quebec and Ottawa is the result of the friendship between the two great leaders, the Right Hon. Mr. King and the Right Hon. Mr. Lapointe. The latter has won the esteem, respect and gratitude, not only of French Canada, but also of all other Canadians, because never in the past has a Quebec Minister contributed so much as he to the building of a strong and united country in peace and in war. Never has this country shown so fine a spirit of solidarity, determination and co-operation. In these dark and trying hours it is gratifying to see the nation united under the leadership of these two great statesmen.

It was also a pleasure for me, last Friday, to note the speech delivered in the other House by the son of the Right Hon. Minister of Justice, as he followed in the footsteps of his illustrious father. May he accept my congratulations, and at the same time my best wishes for a successful political career.

Before taking my seat, I should like to express my personal feelings of regret, which are, I am certain, those of every member of this honourable House, for the loss this country has suffered in the untimely death of His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. We have been happy to learn that Lord Athlone has been named as his successor. All Canada has learned the news with pleasure, and I am glad to extend to the Earl of Athlone and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice our most sincere welcome to this country.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, it is proper that my first reference should be to the loss by death of our late Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir. To him and to his memory I pay tribute for his devotion to duty as he understood it. He was a great and loyal Britisher, a student of distinction and a writer of lasting fame. His contribution to the world is embalmed in his books, which are among the finest productions in our language. Sad indeed it was that his last days should have been days of suffering, and his tenure of life so brief.

The news of the appointment of his successor is welcome to us all. I am sure the

Earl of Athlone and Her Royal Highness will be heartily received in Canada, and that they will contribute much in this Dominion, as they have already done in another, to the establishment of close and helpful relations between our country and the Motherland and the world.

I congratulate the mover (Hon. Mr. Pater-son) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Blais) of the Address on the discharge of their duties. Both are from the West, one coming from the Middle West and the other from the farther West. The first has achieved marked success in the business world; the second has attained eminence in his profession and is universally esteemed. I commend the words, which I fully understood, of the mover of the Address. As to the seconder, I regret that I can only express the hope that when I am able to translate the first part of his remarks I shall find in them more with which I can agree than I could find in his remarks, save in their purely personal phases, in English.

The responsibility which one always feels in discharging one's duties as a member of the House, particularly when discharging them in times of crisis, is very specially present to my mind now. I am sure honourable members will all feel that they have never in the past arisen to do their work as parliamentarians with a greater sense of difficulty, with the pall of responsibility hanging over them more heavily, than in these rather tragic hours. But we must all remember that reverse, to the races from which we are so proud to spring, is usually only the starting point where their tenacity and qualities of courage and resiliency, so inspiring over the long years, come into play. Never can reverses daunt the British or the French, for the cause in which they are now engaged is a matter of death or victory and they have never yet bowed to the oppressor.

Here in Canada it is no pleasure to me to rise for the purpose of calling attention to what I feel to have been great errors on the part of this Dominion. There are those who will say you should get behind and cheer in the critical moment—you should not find fault. But the time has come when we must criticize, when we cannot hope to get what is vital, momentarily vital, unless we do.

Reference has been made to the recent election. I do not know of any event in our history less creditable to our country than the late election, and I am not referring to the preponderance in favour of one party in the result. When I heard from His Excellency in this House words which dissolved Parliament the moment we met, I could scarcely believe my ears. I could not have thought it possible that any Prime Minister would put