

The time and thought and active helpfulness which His Excellency and Her Royal Highness have given to so many good causes is well known. The auxiliaries to the armed forces, the war production industries, public health organizations and groups encouraging the training of youth have all benefited from this single-minded interest. All of Canada is grateful for it, and will continue to be so. The Governor General and the Princess Alice have taken so large and so remarkable a part in the life of Canada as a whole that we have come to think of them not so much as the distinguished holders of high office, but as trusted and devoted friends.

I would mention two directions in which His Excellency and Her Royal Highness have been singularly helpful to my colleagues and myself. In the war effort of Canada both have given unsparingly of their time, not only in support of national appeals for voluntary services and war savings, but also in visiting many parts of Canada (some never before visited by any Governor General). They have travelled all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and the Alaska Highway into the Yukon, and parts of the Northwest Territories have been embraced within their journeys. They have visited also the Pacific Coast of the United States, Alaska, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Secondly, in the hospitable entertainment of many distinguished visitors from abroad, both at Government House and at the Citadel in Quebec, they have welcomed heads of