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King's career and work have a peculiar family atmosphere, perhaps because he has no children. He turns back not infrequently to thoughts of his parents and his past. Some years ago he proved this to the King and Queen when at the time of their Canadian tour they visited Laurier House, He drew their attention to two framed documents on a wall. One was the Royal Proclamation issued in 1837 the year Queen Victoria came to the Throne - to obtain the arrest of all who have been guilty of rebellion, plunder and robbery, and offering a reward of one thousand pounds to any one who will apprehend and deliver up to justice William Lyon Mackenzie. The date is printed: Thursday, 4 o'clock p.m., December 7. But in the year 1837 was forgotten, although time had been found to print below a hurried "God Save the Queen". Beneath this document was the other: Canada's declaration of war of September 10, 1939, bearing the signatures of the great-grandson of that Queen, and the grandson of the rebel. Standing at the side of the King, the Prime Minister sommented upon the change which time, brings in the age-long struggle for Freddom; - a moment of deep satisfaction to a heart burning for the ideals of Liberty and Justice.

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