

"As Chancellor of London University, you dedicated yourself to the high purpose of education, and by your labours and example, aided the advancement of science, art and literature.

"Our citizens are pleased to recall these attainments, and the wealth of experience and of wisdom, which you have gathered in a life of service, travel and study.

"Above all, however, in this young country, where men and women continue to hold in reverence the faith and the sacrifices of their fathers, Your Excellency will be doubly welcomed as a fearless Christian gentleman.

"We heartily join together also, in honouring, and in welcoming to Canada, the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone. Wherever Her Royal Highness has been, she has left cherished memories of grace, kindness and humanity. The welfare of women, the care of little children, concern for the afflicted, indeed, every cause that charity has made its own, have received from the Princess Alice the solicitude of her sympathetic devotion.

"We trust that time may afford to Your Excellency and to Her Royal Highness favourable opportunity to visit all parts of Canada. Everywhere, in city, town and village, on farm and frontier, loyal citizens await your coming to give you greeting.

"Wherever your journeyings may take you, you will find the Canadian people united in spirit and in purpose. By its own free choice, in the defence of human freedom, Canada entered the grim conflict against violence, tyranny and aggression. In this hour, we are more determined than ever in our resolution to remain steadfast in the cause for which we took up arms.

"At this the earliest opportunity of greeting Your Excellency as His Majesty's representative in Canada, we pledge ourselves anew to an unbroken faith in the ultimate triumph of right and to unfailing loyalty to His Majesty the King."