

We have emerged triumphant from the greatest crisis that ever faced the free peoples of the world. It is for us to see that that victory is not nullified by the failure to deal effectively with the problems of the peace. We owe it to the valiant dead that they shall not have died in vain. I know well how in all our countries there is weariness after these six years of war; but we must not let it overtake us. There may be here and there some cynicism; we must meet it by redoubling our faith and hope. I sometimes hear talk of new nations and old nations. It has been suggested that we in Europe are old and effete. Do not believe it. You are the new shoot from the old stem; but the old stem is still alive and full of vigour. You in Canada draw your spiritual resources from two great nations. In the past these nations in turn have derived their sustenance from the great heritage bequeathed by our ancestors, and they will do so again in the future. I can see that you here in Canada are pulsating with life and vigour. You have a great part to play in the world, and I am certain that in peace as in war, you will take your full share in bearing the burdens of the world.

Twice in my lifetime the aggressor has presumed to think that Britain was feeble and effete. Twice has he learned his error. Despite all our difficulties we face the future undismayed. We shall go forward into this new world—a world, it is true, of danger, but a world of great opportunity—strong in the faith expressed so clearly by Robert Burns:

It's coming yet for a' that  
That man to man, the world o'er,  
Shall brothers be for a' that.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I would ask the Hon. Doctor King, Speaker of the Senate, and the Hon. Mr. Fauteux, Speaker of the House of Commons, to thank Mr. Attlee for the eloquent and inspiring address he has just delivered to members of both houses of parliament.

Hon. JAMES H. KING (Speaker of the Senate): Mr. Prime Minister, honourable members of the Senate and the House of Commons: It is my privilege to express, more particularly on behalf of the Senate, a word of thanks to our distinguished guest. Mr. Attlee, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, is no stranger to Canada, but as this is the first opportunity we have had to offer our congratulations and good wishes since he was chosen to fill the highest office in the gift of the British people, this we do most heartily.

We are grateful to him for finding time, in the midst of all the overwhelming problems

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with which his government is faced, to visit our capital, and to address the members of our houses of parliament.

We recognize what his visit signifies in the growing importance of the mutual relations existing between Great Britain and Canada; and we are proud, too, that Mr. Attlee's first visit to the United States, as Prime Minister of Great Britain, should have been in company with the Prime Minister of Canada. The Canadian people are unanimous in their realization that the highest external interest of our country is the maintenance and strengthening of the common bonds between the nations of our commonwealth and the United States of America.

We thank Mr. Attlee for his generous and understanding words to-day, and should like to assure him that the Canadian people are hopeful and desirous of continuing that spirit of unity and cooperation among the nations of the commonwealth which exemplifies to the world that such cooperation is possible; and in it lies the road to peace and security.

Sir, we wish you godspeed and safe return to Great Britain.

Hon. GASPARD FAUTEUX (Speaker of the House of Commons): Mr. Attlee, honourable members of the Senate and of the House of Commons; It is indeed a great honour and privilege to extend on behalf of the House of Commons to the Right Honourable Mr. Attlee our most sincere thanks for having accepted the invitation to address the Parliament of Canada, and for speaking in such generous terms of our country and its people.

I would not dare, as it would be superfluous, to utter any remarks in reply to the views which have been expressed to this parliament by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; moreover, if this were a regular sitting of the house, I should not have the right to do so, since our standing order No. 10 says: "Mr. Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the house."

May I be permitted, however, to say to the Right Honourable Prime Minister that it will be indeed a great pleasure for the Speaker, when an hon. member of the house moves, during our regular sitting, that the address of the Right Honourable Clement R. Attlee, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, delivered before the members of the Senate and of the House of Commons in the chamber of the House of Commons, on Monday, November 19, 1945, be included in the House of Commons Debates and form part of the permanent records of this parliament. I must assure you, sir, that the hon. member