

companionship in service thus enjoyed, while ensuring Your personal happiness, will afford to Your Majesty support and strength in the discharge of Your public duties.

Through this stormy and baffling era in human affairs, the Throne has remained broad-based upon the people's will. The Crown, symbolizing the unity and the free association of the Nations of the British Commonwealth, continues to embody the principles of government which they hold most sacred, and their common attachment to the ideals of freedom and of peace. We pray, that under Divine Blessing and Guidance, the foundations of constitutional government may be firmly maintained, and that Your Majesty may be vouchsafed strength and wisdom commensurate with Your exalted and exacting task.

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*Déclaration du roi George VI  
au Sénat et à la Chambre des Communes*  
*Statement by King George VI  
to Senate and House of Commons*

London, June 29, 1937

Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons of Canada:

It is with feelings of deep gratitude that I acknowledge the message of loyalty and congratulation conveyed in your Address of the 10th April which was presented to me by my Prime Minister of Canada on the 11th May.

The assurances of loyalty and devotion addressed to us on that occasion will always be an encouragement to The Queen and myself in the performance of our high task.

We were glad to know that the Speakers of your two Houses were present at the solemn ceremony of our Coronation. The participation in that ceremony of representatives from our oversea Dominions fittingly marked the position of the Crown as symbolising the unity and free association of the peoples of the British Commonwealth.

Throughout our reign it will be our constant aim to cherish and maintain, to the best of our powers, the heritage of justice, civil liberty, and ordered freedom which we have received from those who in past generations helped to build up this association of nations; and we rejoice to know that in our endeavours to promote, under Divine guidance, the welfare and happiness of our Peoples, we shall be supported by the prayers and affection of the people of Canada.

GEORGE R.I.