

should ever be remembered, that but for the life of Sir Charles Tupper Canada would not be what it is to-day.

Motion of Sir Robert Borden agreed to.

Sir Robert Borden moved:

That the resolution of condolence on the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper be communicated to the members of his family on behalf of this House by Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to.

## THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS BY FIRE.

### MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

Sir Robert BORDEN: I desire to read for the information of the members a number of messages of sympathy which have been received on and since Friday last, but not in time to be communicated to the House at an earlier date.

From the Colonial Secretary to the Governor General.

London, 4th February, 1916.

To Sir Robert Borden:

Deeply sympathize with you and the Government, Parliament and people of Canada in their great loss. People of Great Britain already bound to the Dominion by gratitude, magnificent services to Empire's cause will be yet more firmly united to Canada by common grief.

ASQUITH.

(Sgd.) BONAR LAW.

From the Governor of Newfoundland to the Governor General of Canada.

St. John's Newfoundland,

4th February, 1916.

My ministers desire me to convey the expressions of the universal sympathy in Newfoundland over the destruction of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa and sorrow over the loss of life through the conflagration.

(Sgd.) Davidson.

From the Governor General of Australia to the Governor General.

Melbourne, February 5, 1916.

Would express to Your Royal Highness my deep regret at loss sustained by people of Canada in destruction of their beautiful Parliament Buildings.

(Sgd.) R. M. Ferguson.

Littlemill, February 5, 1916.

Prime Minister,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Filled grief saddest news. For seven years new daily inspiration from sight beautiful towers. Lady Grey and I, while deeply mourning Canada's loss, know you will raise from ashes building worthy of a great destiny which war sacrifices in cause of righteousness have already abundantly insured for Canadian people.

Grey.

London, February 5, 1916.

Sir Robert Borden,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Council and members Royal Colonial Institute deeply sympathize Government and people of Canada destruction—your splendid Parliament Buildings.

Grey, President.

London, February 5, 1916.

Prime Minister,  
Ottawa.

Mr. Andrew Fisher, Australian High Commissioner, telegraph begins. Please convey to your chief and through him to the people of Canada Australia's sorrow at the sad misfortune that has overtaken them in the disastrous fire at Ottawa and our sympathy in the deplorable loss of valuable lives that attended.

Perley.

London, February 5, 1916.

Sir Robert Borden,  
Ottawa.

My sincere congratulations on your fortunate escape from the disastrous fire which to our deep regret has wrought such damage to your Parliament Buildings.

Kitchener.

Toronto, February 4, 1916.

The Right Hon. R. L. Borden,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Sincerely regret loss sustained in the destruction of the Parliament Buildings and especially sorry to hear of injuries sustained by your colleague and others, which I hope will not prove of a serious nature.

John. S. Hendrie.

St. John's, Newfoundland,  
February 7, 1916.

Rt. Hon. Sir R. L. Borden,  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Government and people of Newfoundland deeply sympathize with you in the destruction of your Parliament Buildings. This last act will still further increase the feeling of admiration throughout the whole Empire for your splendid work in connection with the war.

E. P. Morris.

New York, February 4, 1916.

Sir Robert Borden,  
Prime Minister,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Grieved beyond expression, but this dreadful event will only weld together more firmly than ever the inflexible patriotism of all Canadians.

Aberdeen,

Metropolitan Club, New York.  
Toronto, February 4, 1916.

Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden,  
Ottawa, Ont.

This Government and the people of Ontario as a whole have learned with deep regret of the destruction of the Parliament Buildings and we will be glad to co-operate in any way possible to minimize the inconvenience of the disaster. Have learned with much satisfaction of the escape of yourself and the members of the Government and members of Par-