

with the Princess Alice, take his departure under conditions of peace.

It will be spring when they reach England, and I suppose there is no levelier season in their homeland. We hope that after the responsibilities, and the innumerable obligations, of their high office here have been laid down, they may each of them find a springtime of enjoyment in scenes familiar and dear to them. I am sure they will take away from Canada the heartfelt good wishes of many thousands of our citizens. In particular, they will carry with them the united good wishes of all who are present here this evening to greet them.

His Excellency's acquaintance with the office of Governor General was not entirely new, for in the summer of 1914 he had been appointed to this office by the late King George V. The onset of the first Great War prevented Lord Athlone's coming to Canada then; and the fortunes of time and circumstance brought him back to Canada, 26 years later, in the midst of a second and even more terrible war. The respect and admiration which has everywhere been aroused will I hope have been rewarding in its own way to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness; and I hope also their proper acquaintance with Canada through these last few years has not suffered by the delay.

Both of our chief guests this evening represent strong and living links with the Crown, and both of them have exemplified in full measure the devotion to the public welfare shown so magnificently by the King and Queen.