

4. *INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL; ADDRESS OF THE PRIME MINISTER, 21st OF JUNE*

The Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone was installed as Governor General on the 21st day of June in the Senate Chamber. Following is the address delivered by the Prime Minister on that occasion:

"On behalf of the Government and the people of Canada, I have the honour to express to you the great pleasure of all present that you, today, have assumed the duties of the high office of the representative, in Canada, of His Majesty the King.

"We welcome you most warmly to this Dominion. With confidence and pride, we view your presence in our midst at a time of such grave concern and great moment to all the nations of the British Commonwealth, and to the free and freedom-loving peoples of the world.

"The arrival of Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice in Canada brings to our minds happy memories of the visit of Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth. We need not assure Your Excellency that amid the grave anxieties of the months which have since passed, Their Majesties have been constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

"We are pleased to recall that you were in Canada on the occasion of another royal visit. At that time our country was honoured by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, whose names are today revered by us all as Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary.

"Today your welcome arrival brings also to mind that in the days of the last war, when violence and aggression once before threatened our cherished liberties, His Late Majesty King George V appointed you as his representative in Canada.

"At that time, the path of Your Excellency's duty led you instead to the front of battle. Today, following again the path of duty, you come to us, with the unique distinction of this twice-bestowed royal confidence, to receive a welcome which our recollection and the passing of the years, have served only to increase in sincerity and cordiality.

"We welcome in you, sir, one whose birth, and rank and royal kinship have been the badge not of privilege, but of service.

"As Governor General of the Union of South Africa, the constitutional opportunities of your high office, and your own unfailing courtesy and understanding insight, became instruments for the encouragement of ideals of tolerance and racial reconciliation. The exercise of those qualities afforded enlightened support to the peaceful progress of a new self-governing nation.