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In Reply To The SPEECH From The THRONE
Ottawa, March 1st, 1920.

With all that has been said in words of appreciation and praise of these Halls of Parliament as they are being restored under the inspiration and direction of Mr. John Pearson and those associated with him, we of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition are in hearty accord. Assembled as we are in this chamber, under the spell of its noble and dignified proportions, it would be strange if pride in our country and its creative genius were not an uppermost sentiment in our thoughts. We have before our very eyes evidence, of the most convincing character, of the determination and ability of the Canadian people, in so far as may be in their power, not only to restore what has been lost, and destroyed, either by or during the War, but to reconstruct on a more enduring and infinitely grander scale, the material environments of our national life. What we witness here to-day, and what we shall continue to witness till this vast edifice is complete in all its historic and artistic detail, should give us confidence in the future greatness of our country, and in the ability of the Canadian people to realize in achievement all that is noblest in their aspirations.