

THE SENATE

Friday, October 16, 1964

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

ADDRESS OF LOYALTY AND AFFECTION
FOLLOWING VISIT

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the following message has been received from the House of Commons:

Resolved: That a humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the following words:

To Her Most Excellent Majesty:
Elizabeth The Second

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

The . . . Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, wish humbly to convey to Your Majesty this expression of our deepest loyalty, affection and respect, and of our heartfelt appreciation of your recent visit to Canada.

The presence in our country of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip on the occasion of the centennial of the meetings of the Fathers of Confederation held at Charlottetown and Quebec City warmed and moved the hearts of all true Canadians. Your messages will be an inspiration and guide to the Canadian people as we work together to achieve the national progress of which you spoke so movingly.

We pray that you may continue to reign for many years as our gracious and beloved Sovereign.

Ordered: That the said Address be engrossed, and that a Message be sent to the Senate informing Their Honours that the House of Commons has passed the foregoing Address and requesting Their Honours to unite with this House in the said Address by inserting therein the words "Senate and".

Attest.

Léon-J. Raymond
The Clerk of the House
of Commons

Honourable senators, when shall this message be taken into consideration?

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move, seconded by honourable Senator Brooks, P.C.:

That the Senate do agree with the House of Commons in the said Address by filling up the blank spaces left therein with the words "Senate and".

Honourable senators, both Senator Brooks and I have been uniquely honoured today by our colleagues. By their direction, we alone are to speak to the resolution for them and on behalf of the entire Senate of Canada.

The visit to Canada of Her Majesty and her husband, His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, is a great national occasion. They came to mark the centenary of the conferences at Charlottetown and Quebec out of which this new northern nation was born. Their coming reminds us of the progress we have made since the small colonies of those days so long ago agreed to federate. In the intervening century British North America has become Canada. And Canada has been forged into a distinctive modern nation of the new world by the energy, the intrepidity, the inventiveness and the integrity of those early colonists, their descendants and the hundreds of thousands of others who came here to share her abundance and to help work out her destiny.

No one will say that the task has been easy. All will agree that some national problems remain to be solved. But this is a way of life with a great, a dynamic and a progressive people.

Nations, like men, do not live by bread alone. The basic elements of the spirit of a nation are in the minds and hearts of its people—honour above all, confidence in their common destiny, integrity in their dealings, charity in the broad sense to other men, energy, capacity and a reliance upon Divine Providence.

Nations, too, like men, must pause occasionally to assess their position. Canada has paused this year. She has looked back momentarily to the significance of the fateful meeting in that little room in Charlottetown one hundred years ago. She has surveyed the development since. The visit of Canada's Queen and her speeches here have put into perspective the spiritual motives without which this great endeavour would have been impossible.

From the beginning, the influence of the Crown upon Canada has been benign. In more recent times it has been increasingly so, probably because it has become more personal. The visit of Her Majesty on this and other occasions, like the visits of her father and of her mother on earlier occasions, have emphasized this. The fact is that the relationships between the Crown and Canada