

may truly be said there never was a better king, and the similarity, in many particulars, of their dispositions and lives.

It is remarkable that in so many ways their lives have been so alike. King George V, like King George VI was a second son. The early part of the life of each was spent in association with the navy; and both came to the throne in circumstances which were wholly unexpected. As I have said, in disposition the present king is very like his father, and those qualities which made his father beloved by his people will equally make the present king beloved by them as well. There is that quality of natural simplicity and dislike of what is ostentatious, the desire to be unobtrusive in his ways, the enjoyment of the simple and wholesome things of life; the love of home; the joys of country life; a dignified tradition of comradeship and human understanding, and a fine sense of duty and obligation.

Like his father the present king has been singularly fortunate in his happy family life. The lives of King George VI, of his queen and of their children, are almost as familiar to all in this country as they are to the people of England.

In sharing the great responsibilities of the throne, Queen Elizabeth, herself a descendant of early Scottish kings, promises to be to King George VI all that Queen Mary was to King George V. Already Queen Elizabeth and the little Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, have won an abiding place in the hearts of the people.

In one further particular His Majesty is greatly blessed. He continues to enjoy the loving tenderness and sure guidance of a mother to whom he has been greatly devoted, and who, I believe, among women is the most honoured and most beloved in the world to-day.

It is well, Mr. Speaker, that all these things are so because never before has a king ascended the throne at a time as critical in the affairs of the world as the present. Never before has there been thrust on a pair of young shoulders responsibilities wider and weightier than those which rest upon the shoulders of the present king.

Our new king has given us his assurance, in no uncertain terms, that he will seek to do his part. Already he has accepted his responsibilities in a dignified and courageous manner. It remains for us to give our assurance that in the great work of government we will do our part. Therefore I am glad to be able to avail myself of this, the earliest opportunity, to bring forward in this house a reso-

lution expressive of our confidence, our good will, our loyalty and our support. It will, I know, meet with the unanimous acceptance of members of this house. In presenting the resolution I am proud to be joined by my right hon. friend, the Acting Leader of the Opposition (Sir George Perley).

I beg to move, seconded by Sir George Perley:

That an humble address be presented to His Majesty the King in the following words:

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, the members of the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, desire respectfully to extend our greetings upon Your Majesty's accession to the throne, and to convey to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen, the assurance of our united loyalty and support.

Your Majesty's gracious New Year's message, sending warmest wishes for the welfare and happiness of your peoples, and dedicating yourself and the queen to their service, has been deeply appreciated by Your Majesty's subjects in Canada in common with those of other parts of the British Empire. We believe that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, Your Majesty will be vouchsafed guidance and strength to meet the responsibilities of your noble heritage, and to fulfil your purpose to strengthen the foundations of mutual trust and affection between the sovereign and his people.

We pray that, amid the confusions of the world, and the uncertainties of the times, Your Majesty's throne may be established in righteousness; that Your Majesty's counsellors may be endowed with wisdom; and that all endeavours of Your Majesty's reign may be directed to the well-governing of your peoples, the preservation of freedom, and the advancement of unity and peace.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE PERLEY (Argenteuil): Mr. Speaker, nothing could give me greater pleasure than the honour of seconding a resolution of this kind, an address of loyalty to His Majesty, King George VI. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) has moved the resolution in felicitous terms and we associate ourselves with his expressions of loyalty and devotion to the crown. From his earliest years the present king, as Prince Albert, was brought up and trained with the idea in mind that he might some day succeed to the throne, and he was taught the duty and privilege of service. At the outbreak of the great war he was serving in the Royal Navy, and he was present at the battle of Jutland. While still a young man he began to take part in public functions as a member of the royal family. My position as High Commissioner for Canada gave me the privilege of meeting Prince Albert several times during our stay in London, and I formed a high opinion of his ability and his keen sense of duty.