

record their deeds, their sufferings and their loyalty, but we should hold their example ever before the youth of the country as a practical lesson in patriotism and endurance under trial, and thence derive from a glorious and honorable past, lessons for the upbuilding of a great and prosperous future. It is no inconsiderable heritage we, in common with all Canadians, have received. A fair and smiling land stretching from ocean to ocean, fertile plain and valley alternating with rugged mountain rich with earth's hidden treasures, lakes and streams of vast extent alive with finny wealth—these and other sources of national strength have come to us as the result of the faithfulness of our forefathers. But beyond and besides these physical advantages we have inherited the precious privilege of citizenship in the British Empire, a share in Britain's glorious past, a fellowship in her literature, a kinship with her people, and a right to call the true and royal lady who sits upon her throne, Our Queen. We, the descendants of the men and women who risked and lost their all that they might live under the broad folds of the Union Jack, that they might enjoy civil and religious liberty and the blessings of British citizenship, humbly return thanks to Almighty God that He has been pleased to spare that great and good woman to her subjects to reign over them in righteousness, truth and justice for sixty years. May God save the Queen.