

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL has received with deepest regret the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, communicated to His Excellency in the following cable from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

LONDON, January 22, 1901.

"Deeply regret to inform you that the Queen passed away at six thirty this evening."

CHAMBERLAIN.

CANADA.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, etc., etc., Governor General of Canada.

To all to whom these presents shall come,--GREETING:

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy Our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria of blessed and glorious memory by whose decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and all other Her late Majesty's Dominions is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward Prince of Wales: I, the Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto, Governor General of Canada as aforesaid assisted by His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, and with their hearty and zealous concurrence, do therefore hereby publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince Albert Edward Prince of Wales is now by the death of Our late Sovereign of happy and glorious memory become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Edward the Seventh by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to whom are due all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection. And I do hereby require and command all persons whomsoever to yield obedience and govern themselves accordingly—beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless the Royal Prince Edward the Seventh with long and happy years to reign over us.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Ottawa, this twenty-third day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

By Command,

R. W. SCOTT,

Secretary of State.

GOD SAVE THE KING.