

will be exactly as set forth in the programme for Monday; the order of proceedings in Montreal will remain as it is, except that Wednesday will be substituted for Tuesday.

So far as Ottawa is concerned, reconstruction of the programme will, as mentioned, necessitate the shortening by one day of the visit of Their Majesties to the capital. An important change in the programme will be that the State dinner which would have been held on Wednesday night will be held on Thursday, and the Parliamentary dinner, instead of being held on Thursday night, will be held on Friday night. Their Majesties will arrive in Montreal on Wednesday instead of on Tuesday, and in Ottawa on Thursday instead of on Wednesday. The programme as thus reconstructed will, I think, save any disappointment with respect to other parts of Their Majesties' journey, and, with these very few exceptions, will enable the programme to be carried out as originally planned.

ADDRESS TO THEIR MAJESTIES RESOLUTION

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, the Senate of Canada is asked to register officially an expression of welcome to His Majesty King George VI and to his charming Consort. I am sure that this resolution, which will be seconded by the acting leader on the other side (Hon. Mr. Tanner), carries the views and sentiments of the whole population of Canada.

The news of the coming of Their Majesties has immensely pleased all our people. On all sides we have heard the same constant acclaim, in our homes and on our thoroughfares: "The King! We shall see the King!" What a thrilling and pleasant sensation has vibrated throughout the land! It has reached every member of the Canadian community, whatever his station, high or low. Every household is permeated with this thought, without pausing to analyse the source from which springs its interest, nor what it imports. The King is coming! Instantly, the imagination of the people is filled with the éclat and the grandeur of the spectacle they behold.

They have never seen the King. His authority is no longer, as of old, directly exercised upon them. The King is far, far away in a distant land; in reality, he is but an emblem of the sovereignty under which all his subjects live and dwell. Truly the King no longer governs. Yet everything is done in his name: the laws are enacted by Parliaments; ordinances are passed; public services daily rendered; highways—les chemins du Roi, as we say in French—maintained; money circulated; postage stamps issued; summonses written; peace officers, military and civil, commissioned to defend our borders and maintain peace and order within. All these national and civic activities, which

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seem to flow from his authority, link together all members of one society, the Canadian nation.

Nevertheless we are a democracy, governing ourselves in absolute freedom. Because of this absolute freedom, which is the basis of our Constitution and which we enjoy to the full, we acclaim the one personage who is the living embodiment of this wonderful creation, the British Commonwealth of nations freely united, and we exclaim, one and all, with deep fervour: God Save the King!

I have the honour to move, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Tanner:

That a humble address be presented to His Majesty the King, conveying to His Majesty, on the occasion of his arrival in Canada, assurance of the loyal affection of this House and of the eager anticipation with which it looks forward to the presence of His Majesty and of Her Majesty the Queen in this country, and of the deep interest with which its members will follow the visit of Their Majesties to the several provinces and to the United States.

Hon. C. E. TANNER: Honourable senators, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of our leader on this side of the House (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen), I have the very great pleasure and honour of seconding the leader of the Senate (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) in the pleasing duty which just now, in eloquent language, he put before this House for consideration and action.

The passing of a few hours will bring our beloved and gracious King and Queen to the shores of Canada. Their coming makes history for our Empire, more particularly for our country; and, as the leader of the Senate has well said, it is fitting that the Senate should hasten to do homage to Their Majesties and join in expression of joyous welcome to them as soon as they have stepped on the soil of our country.

Many reasons move Canadians to look forward, as all of them do, to the privilege and pleasure of greeting and honouring their Sovereigns. Our King and Queen are the rulers of free peoples. Receiving them, welcoming them, paying homage to them, we Canadians are not moved by fear of dire commands, threats or other evil happenings, like unto those which, we are told, compel other peoples to grovel before their rulers. We glory in our freedom. And, being free, and filled with abiding love of our gracious Sovereigns, we gladly honour them. We will hasten to give them a heartfelt welcome to Canada.

This is not mere lip service; it comes from Canadian hearts. Our Empire is indeed fortunate in its rulers. We love and honour our King and Queen for more than one reason.