

Address of Right Hon. Peter Fraser

nowned throughout the world for the volume of her external trade, for the liberal and progressive character of her social legislation, for the heroism her men have shown on every battlefield during two world wars, and for her magnificent contribution to the United Nations' effort.

We know also the part you have played personally in these great achievements, and therefore, feel a deep satisfaction in thanking you for having visited our land and inspired us by your eloquent message.

You may tell your people that we are determined to fight by their side to the end, until the triumph of right over might is secured. With you we pray God to bless our armed forces and to grant us promptly a decisive victory and a durable peace.

(Text):

Hon. JAMES ALLISON GLEN (Speaker of the House of Commons): Your Royal Highness, Mr. Prime Minister, to-day we welcome on the floor of the Canadian House of Commons one of the Prime Ministers of a great fraternity which we call the Commonwealth of British Nations, in the person of the Right Honourable Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

The bearer of such a name is always assured of a welcome in Canada; for within our land we treasure the Fraser river—discovered probably by one of his ancestors, certainly by one of the clan—whose rugged shores and tumbling waters will remind our guest of the rivers and streams of his own native Ross-shire.

In the incidents of life the course of one's career is directed by powers beyond one's control, and you, sir, might have become a citizen of Canada when you left your native land in 1910. But we do not begrudge your choice, for what we in Canada lost, New Zealand gained, and I think you will agree with me it is well that all countries should have a leaven of Scots in their midst. This little expression of insular pride will, I hope, be forgiven me. Speaking to a brother Scot, at our own fireside, I cannot refrain from a personal touch, and I am sure it will not destroy that self-effacing modesty so characteristic of our race.

Sir, it is one of the glories of the common heritage of New Zealand and Canada that in our House of Commons you can, in expressive language, voice with receptive understanding those ideas and principles which you set forth so clearly in London, the seat of the commonwealth and empire, during the recent conference of the British Prime Ministers. Your position there, as here, and your qualities so universally recognized in New Zealand, have received the acclaim of the empire, and Canada

[Mr. Vieu.]

takes this opportune moment to congratulate you, and through you New Zealand, on the magnificent contribution which your men and women have made in this war.

We have not had that intimate association with your army we would desire, but we do know of their exploits in every theatre of war, and it must never be forgotten that in that moment of extreme peril to our nations, when the daring and heroic adventure to save Greece was determined upon, New Zealand troops fired the first shot in the conflict—a glorious page in your country's history.

But if we know not your army intimately, we do know your airmen. That they are typical of your countrymen we have no doubt; and I can say to you, sir, with, I hope, convincing sincerity, that their conduct while in this country and their achievements overseas make us proud to call them kinsmen.

We are delighted to have you with us. We thank you for your address, and I wish you would convey to your country the assurance that Canada's door will always be on the latch to you and all your colleagues and citizens. I urge you, do not stay away too long. In the happier days which we now envisage as being so near, let us in Canada, and you in New Zealand, demonstrate to the world that "though mountains divide us, and the waste of seas", we are bound by ties which nothing can break.

The proceedings were concluded by the singing of God Save the King.

Monday, July 3, 1944

The house met at three o'clock.

DOMINION DAY

MESSAGES OF GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Acting Leader of the Government): The Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) received a number of messages from other governments on the occasion of the seventy-seventh anniversary of confederation. As they conveyed greetings and good wishes to the people of Canada, I should like at this time to give to hon. members the substance of the messages.

In the message from the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt said:

No nation is nearer to us and with none have relations been more cordial. The friendship of years of peace has been deepened and strengthened by years of brotherhood in warfare for the common defence and for the maintenance of those simple freedoms by which our