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Memorandum for the Prime Minister

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Address on the Occasion of the Silver Wedding
Anniversary of the King and Queen - April 26,
1948.

A. Related Precedents -

(1) Silver Anniversary of King George V and Queen Mary -

-- There is no record of any address or any other special attention having been given by the Parliament of Canada to the silver wedding anniversary of King George V and Queen Mary (July 6, 1918). The House of Commons and the House of Lords in the United Kingdom did, however, adopt ~~an~~ addresses, as attached, on July 8, 1918.

(2) Silver Jubilee of King George V (May 6, 1910 - May 6, 1935)

-- An address was passed by the House of Commons and Senate, as indicated in the attached extract from Hansard for April 12, 1935.

(3) Accession of King George VI (Dec. 10, 1936)

-- An address was again passed as indicated in the attached Hansard for Jan. 15, 1937. The procedure was slightly different from that in 1935. Identical addresses were passed by the two Houses without the necessity of the Senate recommending that their name be included in the House of Commons address.

B. Suggested Procedure -

-- Dr. Coleman has submitted the attached draft of a possible address to be passed by both Houses for the anniversary on April 26.

Dr. Coleman states that a Mr. Sullivan in the Department of Mines and Resources is the only man here who can prepare illuminated addresses. He suggests that he might have him begin doing some preliminary work on decorated pages.

The address would have to be engraved in both English and French on the prepared pages. Since there will only be three weeks from the resumption of the Session until April 26, you might think it desirable to have a text approved during the present week which would be got in readiness during the Easter recess.

LWP.