

From the broader outlook of the world's stage King Edward's reign of nine brief years will assuredly rank as one of the most brilliant in history, illustrious from the victories of peace rather than of war. Wreaths of victorious warfare have indeed encircled the brows of many monarchs, but His late Majesty earned an infinitely more glorious chaplet by his constant and successful efforts in the cause of international peace and amity. By the influence of a magic personality, conjoined with highest station, he succeeded, where ordinary diplomacy might well have failed, in disarming mutual suspicions harboured for centuries by the neighbouring countries of France and England and in paving the way to a cordial understanding and friendship which has already stood the test of time and which bids fair to strengthen with the passing years. This happy international friendship between England and France is especially appreciated in Canada, where British and French are gradually building up within the Empire their common Canadian nationality. The "entente cordiale" with France, dating from 1903, was followed in 1907 by a similar understanding with Russia, and this was also brought about largely with the aid of King Edward's personal influence. Nor was it only with these two Powers that British relations were thus so happily improved. Personal visits exchanged between King Edward and the Rulers of Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Norway and Sweden did much to cement old international friendships and to promote peace and goodwill. Amongst the sovereigns whose achievements have earned for them a special distinction no title will shine more brightly in the glorious annals of British history than that of "Edward the Great Peacemaker."

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H. R. H. The Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne upon the death of his Father, and on May 9 he was proclaimed King as George V, with due observance of the stately and ceremonial formularies of ancient usage. On May 23 the Colonial Secretary cabled a Message from King George addressed "To My People beyond the Seas." The full text of this Message was published at the time in the newspapers and in the Canada Gazette of May 28. The concluding paragraph was as follows :

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It will be my earnest endeavour to uphold constitutional government and to safeguard in all their fulness the liberties which are enjoyed throughout my Dominions, and under the good guidance of the Ruler of all men I will maintain on the foundation of freedom, justice and peace the great heritage of the United British Empire.

The careful political training which His Majesty enjoyed under King Edward, his wide personal acquaintance with every part of the British Empire, and above all his known excellence of personal character, have inspired his subjects throughout his Dominions with the highest hopes that he will follow worthily the splendid examples of his immediate predecessors. His