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ORDER OF CEREMONY

2.45 p.m. The Prime Minister of Great Britain and Mrs. Baldwin will arrive and will be conducted by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Memorial Chamber.

2.50 p.m. Their Excellencies, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and His Royal Highness Prince George will arrive, accompanied by travelling escort.

The Guard of Honour will give the Royal Salute.

2.55 p.m. Their Excellencies, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and His Royal Highness Prince George will be met at the Central Entrance of the Houses of Parliament by the Prime Minister of Canada and conducted to the Memorial Chamber.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will stand in front of the Altar and an Able Seaman, a Private Soldier, an Airman and a Nursing Sister will be stationed at the four corners.

3.00 p.m. On the stroke of three, the Ceremony will begin.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will perform the ceremony.

At the pronouncement of the final words, the Buglers will sound the Last Post, the Flag on the Peace Tower will be dipped, and the Guard of Honour will Present Arms.

The Silence of Remembrance will follow the last note of the Bugle.

The silence will be broken by the Carillon:

Oh Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save Mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

The Minister of National Defence will speak.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Great Britain
will speak.

The Reveille will sound the Dawn of a New Day.

The Carillon will ring out:

Oh Canada! Our Home and Native Land!
True patriot-love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free,
And stand on Guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, glorious and free!
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, standing on the
steps of the Peace Tower, will take the Royal Salute and
the Band will play

GOD SAVE THE KING

As the assembly disperses the Carillon will render

“LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY”

THE MEMORIAL CHAMBER

The central feature of the new Parliament Buildings is the Peace Tower, of which the foundation stone was laid by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales on September 1, 1919.

The Memorial Chamber, on the first floor of the Tower, is a sanctuary of rare beauty and deep significance. The walls and the vaulted ceiling are of Caen stone, a present from the people of France; on marble panels around the walls is graven the story of Canada's achievement, surmounted by typical emblems and figures harmoniously grouped in the mural decoration. The three separate windows unite in the general scheme, displaying the ideals and principles underlying the Call to Arms, Remembrance and Peace. The floor is of stone from the battlefields of France and Flanders, bordered by black marble, the gift of the people of Belgium, and bearing the names of battles in which Canadians fought. In the centre of the Chamber is the Altar, a massive stone ornamented with the Royal Arms, the Arms of Canada and of the Provinces, the gift of Great Britain. On this Altar will rest the Book of Remembrance, in which will be recorded the names of 60,000 Canadians who gave their lives in the Great War.

Inscription on the Altar

My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who will now be my Rewarder. So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

Inscriptions under the Window of Remembrance.

Nor was their agony brief, or once only imposed on them.
The wounded, the war spent, the sick received no exemption:
Being cured they returned and endured and achieved our redemption.

WHEREFORE

seeing we also are compassed about
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and
the sin which doth so easily beset us,
and let us run with patience
the race that is set before us.

Inscription above the Door.

All's well, for over there among his peers a
happy warrior sleeps.