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# CANADIAN NATIONAL

## Inspiring Rendition of Handel's "Messiah"

Schubert Choral Society of Timmins Achieve Notable Success in Presentation of Oratorio at Schumacher Tuesday Night. Also Successful Presentation at Timmins Monday Evening. Soloists Take Heavy Roles Most Creditably

On Monday evening at Harmony hall, as noted elsewhere in this issue, the Schubert Choral Society of Timmins gave an inspiring rendition of Handel's "Messiah," under the direction of Geo. E. Hale. On Tuesday evening the event was given again in Trinity United Church, Schumacher, and was even more effectively presented. In both cases it may be said that the Schubert Choral gave an outstanding performance, ably assisted at the piano by the pianist of the society, Mrs. P. Hansman. In addition to what is said elsewhere some special notes on the event at Schumacher will not be out of place, with the thought kept in mind that what is said about the presentation at Schumacher applies also to the rendition at Timmins the previous evening. For generations this oratorio has been the favorite, the composer himself considering it his most successful effort. This presentation of it was exceedingly well done, and reflected

## Coronation Roused World-wide Loyalty

High Character of King and Queen Makes Heart Appeal to People.

(An editorial in The Globe and Mail) It is doubtful whether any other Coronation in British history has aroused such unanimous enthusiasm and such a fervent outpouring of loyalty as that which the Empire rejoices today. And this is the more surprising in that their Majesties the King and Queen were, until a few months ago, almost unknown except by name to the majority of their subjects.

George VI took little part in public life, and his Queen even less. Their popularity even with British people was overshadowed by that accorded to their daughters, the child Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.

Then came the astounding incidents which culminated in the abdication of King Edward VIII. There are few nations which could have met the wrecking of their high hopes and the disappointment consequent on the sudden and unexpected defection of so extremely popular a ruler without splitting into mutually hostile factions. The rest of the Empire waited for a leader.

That leader appeared in the person of the present King, who, all unprepared to fill so high a destiny, did not hesitate to assume the burdens and responsibilities of the post left vacant by his brother. The result was an instant knitting together of all British peoples, the disappearance of the internal dangers which had, for the time, threatened the Empire, and a more complete unity therein even than had existed hitherto.

Since that time affection for their Majesties has grown steadily. Both have shown their determination to master every detail of the new duties imposed upon them and, though there is nothing spectacular in the personality of either, they have proved that their characters are based on those qualities of stability and worth which are most useful in their unique and difficult position.

So the Empire rejoices today in its reassurance that the Crown is in hands which will retain its dignity and honour unsmirched; for, though it is said thoughtlessly that the King is a mere figurehead under British Constitution, his personality and his example may affect the fortunes of the nation vastly for good or ill.

It is true that his Majesty makes no public pronouncements on matters of national policy, and that he leaves the actual government of his subjects to his Ministers and his Parliament; but it goes without saying that his wishes and his opinions carry considerable weight.

And the King, in theory, is always present, in every part of his Dominions. He is represented by Viceroy, Governor-General and Governors, and these his representatives usually are chosen from persons entirely acceptable to him—in other words, from among those who share his preferences and ways of thought. To every part of the Empire, therefore, it is important that the Monarch should be a man of sterling character.

But perhaps of greatest importance to the British peoples is the home life of their reigning house, for, at a period of history in which many forces threaten disruption of the sanctity of the home, an adverse example in high places might prove disastrous. Their Majesties have shown themselves to be wise as well as loving parents, and the ordering of their domestic circle is as exemplary as was that of the late King and the Queen Mother. Britons present ruler and his Queen are loved intimately for their human qualities, rather than admired distantly for their regal attributes.

To British people everywhere this means that there will be a continuation of the traditions which, if it did not originate with George V, became stronger under his wise and benign rule—the tradition that the reigning Monarch is not a mere symbol which must always remain distant and isolated, but is a very close and very warm friend of even his humblest subjects. It means also that, in its private as well as its public life, the example of the Royal family will be one which British subjects will be glad to follow.

So today, as every smallest British community joins in loyal wishes for the happiness of the Royal couple and in the celebrations which mark their Coronation, and as the representatives of 400,000,000 British citizens swear allegiance to George VI, there is a unanimity and a sincerity in their words and actions that has seldom, if ever, been equalled in the history of the Empire.

### SUDBURY MAN ARRESTED IN QUEBEC IN THEFT CASE

Roland Beullane, 30, Sudbury, and Maurice Goulet, 22, Three Rivers, Que., pleaded not guilty Saturday to charges of theft of \$200 from Cedars, Que., Canadian National Railway station

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and were remanded for trial to Tuesday. They are wanted by Sudbury police on charges of stealing a car on the night of May 3, the property of William Lastik, 125 Notre Dame street.

Arrested by Canadian National Railway police in Quebec the men were allegedly found to be in possession of the stolen automobile. At the conclusion of their trial they will probably be brought to Sudbury to face charges of the car theft.

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 Or watch a flower-bud in sun-washed birth,  
 Or see the clouds sail in a summer sky,  
 Or hear a wild goose calling from on high,  
 And when I smell the incense of the wood,  
 I feel that life is sweet and God is good.  
 Each grain of wheat a wonder is to me—  
 A miracle. When all alone I see  
 Great visions of a wondrous, mighty Power  
 Who gives sweet life alike to bird and flower  
 And man and beast. Oh, solitude is best.  
 To find the answer to the spirit's quest,  
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