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*Whitehall, December 20, 1955.*

The QUEEN made the following speech at the inauguration by Her Majesty of London Airport on Friday, 16th December:—

The inauguration of this great terminal today marks an important stage in the story of London Airport. In the ten years which have passed since the earliest development of this site, the Airport has grown in size and in international fame until today we may say with pride that it ranks among the foremost in the world.

For centuries London has been a port from which vessels have set out for the farthest corners of the earth. It has been—and is—a great centre of commerce. Indeed, it has been the clearing house of the globe, handling the traffic of many nations. In the new era of flight, which has transformed our world in less than half a century, London has acquired a new importance. This Airport, standing on the edge of the old world and looking towards the new, is now a key-point in the complex network of international air traffic which links us with almost every country on the face of the earth.

No other Airport in the world sees such a volume of international traffic. The airlines of twenty-five nations meet here in friendly and peaceful rivalry. London Airport has become the modern meeting place, where many tongues are spoken in friendship and goodwill. Here is daily proof that air travel has brought all lands close together and made all men neighbours.

I am delighted to see that so much has been done to fit London Airport for its great task. For many travellers this will be their first experience of England. I congratulate all who have taken part in the arduous work of preparing and draining the land and who have planned and built on it the eight miles of runways and the modern and efficient buildings which we see about us. The pattern of the runways is unique and the elaborate system of control with every scientific aid is designed to make air travel as speedy and safe as human ingenuity can contrive.

I am especially glad to have this opportunity of expressing my admiration for all that has been achieved because my husband and I are regular travellers by air, and we look forward to our first departure from these new buildings next month. Whatever form air travel may take in the future—and we may be certain that many striking changes lie ahead—London Airport will, I am sure, continue to grow in importance as one of the world's centres of air traffic.

It gives me great pleasure to inaugurate this terminal and to name this building in which we are now standing Queen's Building.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*20th December, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the undermentioned award of the George Medal.

(To be dated 17th December, 1955.)

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Edward CHIPMAN, Milk Truck Driver, Montreal, Province of Quebec.

As Mr. Chipman, on his daily run to Huntingdon, entered the Indian reservation of Caughnawaga, he saw a house on fire and an Indian resident waving to attract his attention.

He was told that the mother and father of the family living in the house had managed to escape with two of their children, but that there were other children inside the building.

Mr. Chipman accompanied the father into the burning house, but was soon left alone when the father was overcome by smoke and collapsed outside. Mr. Chipman saved one child, then immediately returned into the house and rescued a second child. The father recovered sufficiently to tell Mr. Chipman that another child was still inside, asleep on a cot upstairs.

Again Mr. Chipman entered the house, only to be forced out by smoke. He made another attempt, reached the child and brought him to safety. Unfortunately, this child died later in hospital.

But for the courageous action of Mr. Chipman the three children would have perished in the fire.

*Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.*

*16th December, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Reverend William Edward Robinson to the United Benefice of Worsborough Saint Thomas and Saint James in the County of York and Diocese of Sheffield now legally void and in Her Majesty's Gift for this alternate turn.

*Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.*

*17th December, 1955.*

**MEMBER ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT.**

*Torquay Constituency.*

Frederic Mackarness Bennett, Esquire, in the place of the Right Honourable Charles Williams, deceased.