

Your Excellency,

It is my honour, privilege and good fortune to be the first diplomatic officer chosen to act for the President of the Polish Republic before H.M. the King as represented in Canada by Your Excellency.

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Unusual circumstances accompany this ceremony; it is not a prosperous and happy country, developing trade relations and inviting tourists, for which I appear today. Poland is now a vast ruin, marked by thousands of roadside graves, a land of enslaved pride, of shattered prosperity and chained happiness.

It is that martyred, yet defiant Poland - Poland with mutilated body but undaunted soul, with hosts of fighters within and without her limits, Poland covered with blood and glory, animated by a burning faith in our common Victory, that I shall have the privilege of representing in Canada in this new capacity of Minister Plenipotentiary.

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Unusual, too, is the very presentation of this Letter of Credence. It comes not from Warsaw's ancient Royal Castle, which today is no more. It was penned in London - another capital which has defied the Teutan's designs to subdue the entire world. It was sent from the hospitable soil of Poland's first Ally - that unbroken indomitable Kingdom, where our Armed Forces are proud to take a part in guarding its skies and shores.

And it was brought high over the ocean that unites the two continents, by none less than the Prime Minister of Poland - the living symbol of her Fighting Spirit.

Further, this document is being remitted to Your Excellency by one who is by no means a stranger in this beautiful, friendly and sympathetic Land of the Maple Leaf. And for two and a half years of duties in my previous capacity of Consul General I have received from your late Predecessor and Your Excellency, from the Government and people of Canada nothing but encouragement, assistance and moral support.

In presenting this official Letter accrediting me as the First Polish diplomatic representative in the senior Dominion of the British Commonwealth of Nations, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency, to the Government of Canada and to her people - of whom many are of blood akin to my own - the very genuine and sincere good wishes of an Allied Government and a friendly Nation.