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Introduction of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom  
by the Prime Minister, Right Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King.

Canada is much honoured by the presence in our capital today of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Rt. Hon. Clement R. Attlee. When, in the course of my recent visit to England, I learned from Mr. Attlee that he had accepted the invitation of the President of the United States, Mr. Truman, to visit him at Washington, I expressed to Mr. Attlee the hope that he might also find it possible, before his return to Britain, to pay a visit to Ottawa. I was delighted to receive an immediate acceptance of this invitation.

I mentioned to Mr. Attlee our hope that, while in Ottawa, he would be willing to address the members of both Houses of Parliament. This suggestion he assured me he would also be pleased to meet. Mr. Attlee is with us this afternoon in fulfilment of his promise. The address is being broadcast to all parts of Canada.

I have already, on behalf of the Canadian people, extended to Mr. Attlee, as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, a very warm welcome to Canada. I should now like, on behalf of the Parliament of Canada, to express to him the great pleasure it affords the members of both Houses to have the honour of meeting him and of being addressed by him this afternoon.