

liberty. While he was able to assure his fellow countrymen that British resolution was as firm as a rock and that the British spirit was indomitable, he was also able to convince the United States of the urgency of the need for full and immediate aid to Britain.

*Britain: The Cornerstone of Freedom*

Elsewhere, I have said that the Lease-Lend Act will stand throughout time as a milestone of freedom: that it points the way to ultimate victory. While that is true, it is not less true that Britain continues to stand to-day, as she has through centuries of the past, the cornerstone of freedom in the world.

The people of Canada are grateful for the support which Mr. Willkie gave to the principle of the Lease-Lend Bill. We are not less grateful to him for helping his own people to realize, that, in order to preserve the structure of civilization, the cornerstone of the world's freedom must be kept unbroken and in place.

When Mr. Willkie left Britain, the respect, the friendship, and the gratitude of the British people followed him to America. I venture to say that his name, to-day, is honoured by free men the world over.

Mr. Willkie is paying his present visit to Canada on the joint invitation of the officers of the Canadian War Services Fund and myself on behalf of the Government. To our great pleasure, he has come to speak to us. The appeal to which Mr. Willkie lends his presence and his voice is an appeal by six voluntary organizations which have won and deserve our trust. To-day, with the approval and under the direction of the Government, these organizations have