

have been watching for a chance to get away from Ottawa, to express my thanks for the great honour this Club has just now conferred, as well as to enjoy the dinner. Perhaps I may be allowed to say that it is even more pleasant to me to have the opportunity of meeting in this informal way all who have so generously gathered here this afternoon.

On the way to the hotel, I mentioned to Mr. Jackson that during the last few weeks we have been working under such pressure at Ottawa that any remarks I might make this afternoon would necessarily have to be very much, so to speak, of the moment. Fortunately, the words to which I have just been listening make it comparatively easy for me to express the thanks I feel.

You, Mr. President, have been kind enough to say that this award was due to an interest which I have had in furthering international friendships between the United States and Canada, and between the United States, Canada, and the other nations of the British Commonwealth. In accepting the award, which I do with the warmest thanks and greatest possible appreciation, I would have you