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BEFORE THE CANADIAN CLUB OF OTTAWA

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In your welcome today to the Canadian Club here in the capital of Canada you honor me in a manner that stirs an immediate and deep personal gratification on my part. But I cannot suppose that even Canadian hospitality - and, in the few weeks that I have made my home here, I've become an expert on Canadian hospitality - I cannot suppose that even such hospitality has a purely personal meaning. I recognize that your welcome is a token of the regard in which our two nations hold one another, an expression of the joint victory we are winning in this war, and a symbol of the long, unmatched record of North American peacetime cooperation.

No occurrence is ever an isolated event, complete in itself, but is rather an inevitable outgrowth of all that has gone before. So in your kindly welcome today, I realize that you are honoring the whole line of American Ministers who have made their homes in Ottawa. The man who is freshest in your memory, as in mine, and who will remain fresh in all our memories, is, of course, the late Pierrepont Moffat. I need not try to tell you what it means to me that he was our mutual friend.

Your welcome too, as I have suggested, grows out of our joint past, our joint present, and our

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