

Parliament adjourned in August. In ultimate importance, it far surpasses the formation of the Triple Axis.

The Ogdensburg Agreement.

The first inkling of developments already under way was given to the public by the President of the United States, on August 16th. On that day Mr. Roosevelt announced that:

"The United States Government is holding conversations with the Government of the British Empire with regard to acquisition of naval and air bases for the defence of the Western Hemisphere and especially the Panama Canal. The United States Government is carrying on conversations with the Canadian Government on the defence of the Western hemisphere."

I shall have something to say to the House in a moment about these conversations. I wish first to recall the events which followed immediately on President Roosevelt's announcement.

The following day, which was August 17th, I met the President at Ogdensburg. Our conversations that day, in continuance of conversations previously held, culminated in the formulation of an Agreement/<sup>which</sup> was made public the next afternoon, in a joint statement issued by Mr. Roosevelt and myself. I should like now to place the joint statement on record. It has come to be known as the Ogdensburg Agreement.