

Mr. Churchill had found it possible to join in the great assemblage today.

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For me, personally, today's visit to Ottawa ^{by Mr. Roosevelt} ~~by the President~~ is a happy culmination of a long-cherished wish, and a pleasant testimony of a friendship which extends back through more than 40 years. It is a ^{pleasure to have} ~~reminder also of~~ ^{this opportunity to our capital city of returning the} ~~many common meetings with Mr. Roosevelt in recent years --~~ ^{President's hospitality extended to me as Prime Minister} at Washington, at Warm Springs, at Ogdensburg, ^{and} at Hyde Park ^{and} ~~and, most recently of all, at Quebec.~~

Throughout all recent years, and especially during the months in which Canada and the United States have been fighting side by side in this world-wide war, we have had a special interest in you, Mr. President, as first among all our good neighbours in the great nation to the south. We are grateful today, as all freedom-loving peoples throughout the world must be grateful, for that robust championship of the rights of men and women to live at peace and in dignity of station, which has marked your successive terms of office. From your public statements, and from your personal example, it is plain that freedom is no idle boast, no easy estate. In mobilizing the resources of our nation to take our part in a titanic struggle for freedom everywhere in the world, we are conscious of the moral support and material help which has come in so great a measure from the United States.