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The following is the text of the speech being
delivered by the Prime Minister of Canada, the
Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, at
Princeton University, June 17th, 1941.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank you for admitting me to the fellowship of this renowned
university.

I gratefully accept the distinction with which you have endowed me. My
fellow countrymen will be quick to recognize it, as I do, as an honour meant for
Canada. They will see in it, as I also do, an expression of your abiding pleasure
that our two countries, destined by divine Providence to be neighbours, have for
so many years lived together in peace and understanding as friends.

That pleasure is abundantly shared by the citizens of the Dominion.
Between you and us there is a community of thought, ideal, and purpose, by which
it is ordained that we shall forever walk together as the best of good neighbours.
Although

"Heaven has shown us separate fires
And our dooms have dealt us differing years."

Inspired by the same visions, we have sought the same ends.

As with other countries and other peoples, the inner qualities of your
nationhood and of our nationhood have not been without their testing in the
crucible of pain. With us in bygone years, there were the fires of racial and
constitutional strife; with you, the fires of revolution and civil war. We both
have participated in other wars. From victory, we each learned magnanimity; from