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this opportunity in our capital city of returning the President's hospitality extended to me as Prime Minister at Washington, at Warm Springs, at Ogdensburg, and at Hyde Park.

President Roosevelt has come to Ottawa direct from his meeting at Quebec with the Prime Minister of Great Britain. The President and Mr. Churchill have been engaged in another of ^{7 their} those momentous conferences with their military advisers. Over the past two years, their conferences have been the signal for great events. The Conference at Quebec will, I am confident, mark the beginning of another significant advance of the forces of freedom. The government of Canada was pleased to provide a meeting place for this historic meeting.

History and geography alike have made Canada a natural meeting place for the British and American peoples. Our country occupies a unique position in the world. It is at once a nation of the new world and a member of the British Commonwealth. The Canadian people have a deep and abiding interest in the maintenance of harmony and co-operation between the nations of the Commonwealth and the United States. Mr. Roosevelt, I am sure, would be the first to agree that co-operation and understanding has been strengthened by the conferences just concluded at Quebec City.