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meaning and significance of the British Commonwealth and Empire. It is for us to make of our association of free British nations "a model of what we hope the whole world will some day become."

Mr. Churchill:

My Lords and gentlemen, I call upon the Lord Chancellor to propose a vote of thanks to our honoured guest.

The Lord Chancellor (Right Hon. Viscount Simon):

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

Mr. Speaker and I have been asked to express in a few sentences the gratitude which we both feel to the Prime Minister of Canada for his presence and speech. The demonstration which followed the close of his address shows that, indeed, no long argument is needed. We are very grateful to Mr. Mackenzie King for saying, with so much eloquence and vigour, many wise and stimulating and hopeful things. I think we are especially grateful to him for the account which he gave—the brilliant account which he gave—both of the spirit of Canada and of the truly stupendous contribution which that Dominion is making to the common effort. I think Mr. Speaker will join with me if I venture to say to Mr. Mackenzie King, on behalf of this great company, that we do most sincerely express our admiration for all the efforts which this great Dominion is making, and we rejoice to think that we have amongst us the leader of that great people.

It wasn't so many years ago that, when any of us brought visitors into this part of the Palace of Westminster, we were considerably puzzled how to reply to the question, "What is this room for?" The most hopeful answer, I think, was that this large and splendid hall was built in order to find room for two quite enormous pictures which otherwise couldn't be accommodated. That was an injustice to the architect who designed this great hall one hundred years ago. He must have anticipated what would happen. For, thanks now to the way in which Mr. Mackenzie King can leave his country one evening and arrive here the next morning, and other astonishing excursions by other Dominion Premiers, this great hall, lying as it were between

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the House of Commons and the House of Lords, has become on great occasions such as these a piece of common ground where Members of the two Houses may safely meet and where they can listen to an address without any breach of the ancient and precisely preserved privileges of either Chamber.

We are greatly rejoiced that Mr. Mackenzie King has now been added to the list of those who have thus addressed us. And with all our hearts we thank him for his speech, and wish to express to him in the warmest terms our feeling that that speech and the spirit behind it are all contributing to the unity and the comradeship of the British Empire, which is the surest guarantee of ultimate victory and the best hope of a peaceful world in the future.

Mr. Churchill:

My Lords and gentlemen: It has been my experience over a great many years to await the call of Mr. Speaker, and I am now fully conscious that the tables are turned, and I mean to avail myself of this advantage to the full.

Mr. Speaker (Col. the Right Hon. D. Clifton Brown):

On this occasion, although it may be slightly out of order, I am pleased indeed to obey the call of the Prime Minister.

Now I second this vote of thanks to Mr. Mackenzie King with great warmth indeed. I am only going to utter two sentences to you. In one I want to echo the warm appreciation we have of all that our fellow Britishers have done in the Dominion of Canada, under the leadership of Mr. Mackenzie King. We stand lost in admiration of the effort which they have put forward in this war. That's my first sentence. My second is this: That I believe Canada is building up something even greater than action in this war. I speak now, if I may, for Members of the House of Commons, and I believe for the Members of the House of Lords too,—we are lost in admiration, it has struck our imagination, the Air Training scheme which Canada has set up. Therein you have the cream of all young men, not merely from Canada but from all the rest of the Dominions and from the free nations of the world, meeting together, training