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VISIT TO OTTAWA OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Remarks by the Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons, June 1947.

Mr. President, and honourable members of the Parliament of Canada:

This is a memorable and a happy day in the history of Canada. Today, we welcome on his first official visit to Canada, the President of the United States. More especially we welcome him to Ottawa, as the nation's capital; in this company of members of both Houses of the Parliament of Canada, that welcome speaks for all Canada.

We are delighted that the President has been able to make a visit to Ottawa this year, and we are especially pleased that Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman have accompanied the President to Ottawa. To all of them we express our most cordial greetings.

On August 25, 1943, *under the Arch of the Peace Tower* in this same place, we had the privilege of having as our guest in Canada the former President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was the first occasion on which a President of the United States had come to our capital, and those of us who were present at that time will long cherish the memory of his visit. In August 1943, we had just cause to celebrate the