

Welcome of the President
of the United States

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On behalf of the government and people Canada I have the honour of welcoming the President of the United States to the capital city of Canada. The first visit of a President in office to our capital is an historic occasion. The honour is the greater for coming at a critical stage in the war. Although the Parliament of Canada is not in session, members of the Senate and the House of Commons have come from all the provinces from Atlantic to Pacific to do honour to our distinguished guest on Parliament Hill.

We are especially proud to welcome President Roosevelt to Ottawa today because of his long and most friendly interest in our country. Our people, without distinction of race or class or creed, are filled with admiration, and I believe it is no exaggeration to add, with affection for a great statesman and a true friend of the common man.

For me, personally, today's visit to Ottawa by Mr. Roosevelt 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