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The Department of External Affairs released today the text of a telegram sent by the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, to Signor Luigi Einaudi, first President of the Italian Republic. Text of the telegram follows:

"It affords me exceptional pleasure to extend to Your Excellency, on the occasion of your election as first President of the Italian Republic, best of wishes on behalf of the Government of Canada. My colleagues and I look forward with confidence, during your tenure of this high office, to the strengthening of the bonds of understanding and friendship between our two free democracies."
