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We are happy to welcome to Canada today a French soldier and leader of great distinction, General Charles de Gaulle. At a moment of great peril both to his own country and to the civilized world, General de Gaulle had the courage and the faith to raise in exile the standard of resistance which the enemy had battered down in France. Through this decision, taken by him and his companions in an hour of terrible crisis, Frenchmen were able, under the Cross of Lorraine, to continue as partners in the great enterprise which they had undertaken in common with their Allies in 1939. The new beginning, made in the Call to Fight issued by General de Gaulle to Frenchmen on June 18th, 1940, was small in scale. Since that time the size and strength of French forces engaged against the enemy have grown steadily and impressively. Today, the great traditions of French military power are once again being upheld and strengthened in actions by land, by sea and in the air, and in the secret armies which strike at the enemy even within his most formidable strongholds.

In the revival of French military power, General de Gaulle has played a role of incomparable importance. In the years since 1940 his persistence and his devotion to the cause of France have made him both a symbol of the determination of the