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Notes for joint meeting  
Conference of Mayors and Municipalities  
Canadian Club  
for  
Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia  
St. George's Day, April 23, 1941.

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Recall first visit of Mr. LaGuardia almost  
a year ago to address Conference of  
Mayors and Municipalities,  
(June 11, 1940)  
at a dark hour:  
Italy had just declared war;  
France on verge of collapse.

Wholehearted and outspoken support of  
cause of freedom at that time a  
source of encouragement to Canada.

Mayor LaGuardia's career  
the epitome of the purpose of the  
Conference of Mayors and Municipalities  
to maintain the vitality of local  
democratic institutions:  
Municipal democracy the foundation  
of national democracy.

Commend practice of exchange of visits -  
recall Mr. LaGuardia's statement  
last year that, in Canada, "the  
nice part of it is you don't feel  
as if you were in a foreign country."