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December 11, 1921.  
Loew's Theatre, Ottawa.

Speech by the Right Honourable W. L.  
Mackenzie King, Prime-Minister, on  
the occasion of the visit to Ottawa of  
Marshal Foch.

The Societies under whose auspices this reception is being held have requested me to supplement the remarks of the previous speakers by a few words on behalf of the citizens of Canada, in farther appreciation of the honour conferred upon our country by your visit to our Dominion.

May I say, at once, that it is not possible to express in words the feelings and sentiments which your presence in our midst evokes.

Never before has it been given to the men and women of any generation to look upon one man to whose single judgment the fate of so many nations has been entrusted, and whose single command has so largely served to determine, for the good of all, the destinies of mankind.

We recognize in you the central figure of modern times, the man of whom History will say that here was momentary pause in the whole record of mankind, that here the past and future met, that here peril, terror and suffering at their worst gave way to new-found strength and freedom newly-born.

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