

The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia

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Pleasure at any time to welcome a Prime Minister of a sister nation of the British Commonwealth.

Welcome all the more cordial, when to close association of our two countries is added the comradeship in arms of a time of war.

Mr. Curtin is visiting Canada for the first time, but he is assured of the most friendly reception because he has been preceded, during the war, by thousands of the friendliest ambassadors from his country - the splendid young men from Australia who have come to Canada for training for aerial combat.

The dark blue of the Australian airman is a familiar and a welcome sight on the streets of our cities and towns and in many Canadian homes.

The Canadian people have tried to compensate for the extreme cold of our winters by the warmth of our hearts.