

I am pleased that you made special provision for the appointment of parliamentary assistants to ministers of the crown. I am glad that the hopes entertained of this development in the organization of parliament have been so fully realized.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

You will have been deeply gratified that despite the increased level of taxation, the fourth and fifth victory loans met with an

unprecedented public response. Clearer evidence could not have been given of the determination of the Canadian people to do their utmost in the winning of the war.

In bringing the present session to a close, I join with you in humble thanks to God for His merciful providence and for the increasing hope vouchsafed to the united nations throughout this year of war.

This concluded the fourth session of the nineteenth parliament.

ADDRESS

OF

Mr. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

President of the United States

TO

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA, AUGUST 25, 1943

(The President was introduced by the Prime Minister, Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, and thanked by the Speaker of the Senate, Hon. Thomas Vien, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. James Allison Glen)

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. President, Your Excellency, Your Royal Highness, members of the Parliament of Canada, ladies and gentlemen,—To-day will be for all time a memorable day for Canada. I need not remind you, Mr. President, how often I have expressed the desire that you might visit Ottawa during your term of office as President of the United States. We have hoped that on such a visit you would speak to the members of the Senate and the House of Commons, either within or without the walls of our Houses of Parliament. You know, too, how frequently His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice have expressed the wish that they might have the honour of a visit from Mrs. Roosevelt and yourself at some time during His Excellency's term of office as the representative in Canada of His Majesty the King.

Perhaps I may be allowed also to mention how greatly, for personal reasons, I have looked forward to the pleasure of welcoming to the seat of government and to my own home one whose friendship, in ever closer association, I have been privileged to enjoy over many years. To-day all these hopes and wishes, so warmly cherished by the people of Canada, by their

representatives in parliament, by His Excellency and Her Royal Highness and by myself, are being happily realized.

On behalf of all Canada I extend to you to-day, Mr. President, the warmest of welcomes to the capital of our country. I thank you for having honoured our capital city by your presence at a time which is without parallel in the history of human affairs.

The Canadian people will, I know, wish me to express to you the admiration which they feel for you and for your great career. We recognize in you one who has always had a deep concern for the well-being of his fellowmen. We have long known that your services to the cause of freedom far exceed limits of race and bounds of nationality. We honour you as an undaunted champion of the rights of free men and a mighty leader of the forces of freedom in a world at war. We feel, too, a special affection for a lifelong friend of our country.

This is the first occasion on which a President of the United States has visited Canada's capital. It is particularly pleasing to us that this visit should have its association with your momentous meeting in the ancient