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Introduction by Prime Minister Mackenzie King of General de Gaulle

Your Excellency, Your Royal Highness,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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We are met this morning to extend to General Charles de Gaulle a hearty welcome to Canada.

To you, General de Gaulle, as a French soldier, as a leader in the fight for world freedom, and as representing the unconquerable spirit of France, I am proud to offer this welcome in the name of the government and people of Canada.

Here, in the presence of the representative of the Crown, are assembled before you the representatives in Parliament of the Canadian people. Here also are assembled residents of our Capital City. All are proud to honour the man who, in the darkest days of this war, rallied the forces of Free France, and who today is the symbol of the determination of the French nation to restore its freedom and greatness.

In welcoming General de Gaulle to our country, I can speak for the whole of Canada. In no country has the sympathy for France in her agony been deeper than in our own; in none have the prayers for her liberation been more fervent; in none has the growth of French resistance been watched with greater pride and admiration.