

In extending a welcome to our capital on behalf of the Canadian people, I wish, Mr. President, to assure you that our country will stand with yours, that our fighting men will fight beside yours, and that the hearts of our people will beat in unison with yours until the complete military destruction of the Axis powers in Europe and in Asia has been accomplished. The Canadian people are united in their desire to perpetuate, in the days of peace, that equal and fruitful partnership between our two nations which is unique in international relationships. It is our earnest hope that the bounds of our mutual friendship and co-operation, in peace as in war, may be extended to embrace all the free nations of the world.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I welcome you as the President and Commander in Chief of the United States, as one of the leaders of the United Nations, as a tried and unswerving champion of democracy, and, speaking particularly for Canada, as a true and life-long friend of our country.

My fellow Canadians, I have now the honour to introduce the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt.