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What a thrill of pride was evoked in many Canadian homes when it was announced, not many days since, that General deGaulle had made a visit to Normandy! How great was that pride when it was learned that the first Allied troops which General deGaulle had met were men of Canada's Army. I should not like to let this occasion pass without saying to General deGaulle that the people of Canada appreciated the significance of this meeting; nor do I doubt that the Canadians who had this opportunity to meet General deGaulle on French soil would be cheered and inspired for whatever tasks might lie ahead of them. It is not necessary for me to remind General deGaulle with what feelings of interest and attachment the people of Canada have entertained for the liberation of France. On that day honour was done to Canada's fighting men; on this day when we here in Ottawa honour General deGaulle and his associates, our wishes for liberation are combined with hopes for a restoration of France to a position of respect, and may I say, of affection, among all the free nations of the world.