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I am sincerely grateful and deeply touched by your generous words of welcome. On behalf of Princess Alice and myself, I thank you most cordially for your greeting and for the kind personal references you have so graciously made to us both.

I shall not fail to convey to the King the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the Throne which you have so eloquently expressed.

The exigencies of war prevented us from following Their Majesties' example in first setting foot on Canadian soil in the ancient province of Quebec. However, now that we have come, we will take advantage of the happy circumstance that the Governor General's second Canadian home is in the city of Quebec. We look forward to living here now for several weeks and seeing something of this splendid Province at this beautiful time of year.

France, a country with which Canada's history has been so closely associated from earliest days, has ~~fallen~~ ^{suffered} to the onslaught of our common enemy. The culture and civilization of that great nation are temporarily in eclipse. They have, by no means, been extinguished. We believe firmly that what, for