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Hitler represents the brutality and the foolish spirit of world domination of the German people.

Churchill embodies the tenacity, the endurance and the unbreakable will of the English people to resist all who encroach upon their liberties.

Roosevelt is the prototype par excellence of the generosity of the American people and of their unquenchable faith in final victory.

Here in Canada, no mysticism of this sort is associated with our leader.

We, as a nation, are too young to yet be fully conscious of our unique personality, and the elements which make up the body politic are too diverse to permit that outlook and activities to be synchronized in a common understanding of which the national leader would be a recognized interpreter.

However, we need envy no one on that account.

Gabriel Hanotaux, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in France, who had the opportunity of meeting the great poetical figures of our time, told the Right Honourable Ernest La pinte, in 1938, "That Canada has been particularly favoured in having for a Prime Minister one of the most eminent persons in the whole world, Mr. King."

The opinion of Monsieur Hanotaux was in no way exaggerated, for today, more than ever, Mr. King represents the spirit of Canada in all its vitality and he plays on the world stage, a role which does our country honour.

We are a people divided by language, culture, religion, vast distances and diverse economic needs. In spite of these apparent divisions, we have common aspirations and common ideals. Taken together, the Canadian people are loyal to the British Crown, but they remain the masters of their destiny. They jealously guard their institutions, their traditions and their individual liberties. But they are ready to discipline themselves in order to maintain national unity, if such unity is necessary for their development and progress.

The Canadian people know that they inhabit a country marvelously rich in natural resources of every kind, and they wish to demonstrate that they have the energy and the intelligence necessary to exploit these resources on their own account and to secure therefrom their well-being.