

states, Prime Ministers, Foreign Ministers, and valiant men and women of many nations engaged in a common struggle for the world's freedom.

In one sense this has been a reflection of the place of Canada in the world community; in another, it has been a measure of the obligation which rests upon Canada to aid in the building of security, the establishing of peace, and the bringing of comfort and aid to a distressed but never-despairing humanity.

The company present this evening numbers the representatives of governments in our neighbour nations around the world. I am reminded that when His Excellency assumed office in 1940, there were then five Ministers accredited to the Government of Canada, and four High Commissioners representing nations of the British Commonwealth. The numbers of the diplomatic corps have since grown until today missions in Ottawa are headed eleven by Ambassadors, eight by Ministers, and five by High Commissioners. The Governor General has received the letters of credence by which many of these representatives have been accredited. We are all delighted that these representatives are able to join in bidding farewell to the Governor General and Princess Alice this evening.

His Excellency has had a lengthy career of public service in many forms. For half-a-century he has been a soldier, and before he came to Canada he had served for