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In welcoming the President of the United States to Canada, it is no idle courtesy to refer to those two great landmarks of wartime cooperation between our two countries. To us in Canada the Ogdensburg and Hyde Park Agreements are even more significant, perhaps, than to the people of the United States. Both agreements were made while the United States was still, in a technical sense, not a belligerent. Yet these agreements recognized two principles of vital importance to Canada. The first was the common interest of the two countries in the defence of the whole continent; the second was the equality in cooperation of our two nations, despite the vast difference in our population and wealth.

Both principles, I believe, have a continuing validity. At the time I informed Parliament of the Hyde Park Declaration I said:

"Beyond its immediate significance, the Hyde Park Declaration will have a permanent significance in the relations between Canada and the United States. It involves nothing