

I need not remind you of the service Mayor LaGuardia has rendered his country and ours as one of the chairmen on the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established in August of last year. The Board has completed the foundational portion of its work. Those who have been associated with Mayor LaGuardia in that work, those of us in government circles who know something of it from the inside, would not hesitate to say that the confidence shown, by the President of the United States, in Mayor LaGuardia's abilities to perform a vital international service, has come to be shared by us all. On behalf of Canada, I should like to take advantage of this moment to thank Mayor LaGuardia for his great contribution to the common defences of our two countries.

But the Permanent Joint Board on Defence is, as we all know, but one of the agencies by means of which, and through which, the United States has sought to make great contributions to continental Defence, to the cause of the Allies and to Democracy in the present war. The Lease-Lend Act is another great instrument having a like aim and like practical effect. As recently as Sunday last, yet another outstanding expression was given, through what is already known as "the Hyde Park declaration" to the desire of the United States to expand its aid to Canada, to Britain and