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VISIT TO OTTAWA OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Remarks by the Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons - June , 1947

Mr. Speaker,  
Honourable Members of the Senate,  
Members of the House of Commons:

For the first time, we welcome to the Halls of Parliament today, the President of the United States of America. I should like my first words to the President to be an assurance how warm and how genuine is that welcome which we all join in extending in this place.

In what I should like to say before the President speaks, I may perhaps dwell for a moment upon the significance of this occasion. In the past, and especially during the years of war, members of the Parliament of Canada listened to addresses here by leaders of many valiant peoples: Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers, and within the shadow of the Peace Tower out of doors other leaders addressed a larger audience. Among this company we remember with especial regard, Mr. Truman's predecessor in office, the man who during his lifetime we were proud to call the first among our Good Neighbours.

Today, we begin a new page in the Parliamentary history of Canada. The Chief Executive of our neighbour nation, the head of one of the great democratic communities of the world, is the