- Recent visit to Britain provided an opportunity to recognize Canada's new and larger place in world affairs.
- The larger opportunities and responsibilities being won for Canada by her fighting men are paralleled by larger opportunities and responsibilities of Ottawa as the capital city of Canada.
- Tribute to friendly co-operation between Ottawa civic authorities and Federal government especially valued in wartime.
- Grateful for the evidence of the personal good-will of

 neighbours and friends towards a fellow-citizen:

 one of the happiest occasions of my career to

 receive a welcome from those who see me most often
 and know me best.
- One of my greatest desires to contribute as much as I can to the worthy development of this beautiful city and to help make Ottawa the pride of all Canada.