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a combined leadership which has served to effect a unity of purpose and achievement, between the French and English, the Roman Catholic and Protestant peoples of our country. It found early expression in the leadership of Mackenzie and Papineau, and the statesmanship of Baldwin and Lafontaine in the struggle for Responsible Government in this country. It found expression again in the combined efforts of Macdonald and Cartier, and many of their associates at the time of Confederation.

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In these critical times, more critical, I believe, than any through which the world has thus far passed, if there is one thing more than another for which I am profoundly grateful, it is that, as Prime Minister of this country, I have, at my side, in closer association and more constant conference than was ever possible to Mackenzie, Baldwin or Macdonald in their efforts to harmonize the views of the English and French speaking peoples of our country, its Protestant and Catholic elements, the man of high integrity and noble character, the man of moderation and toleration in view and