

address by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to the 1942 Convention of the
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It affords me much pleasure, both personally and on behalf of the Government of Canada, to add my voice to those who have already extended to you, Mr. President, to the officers and members of the American Federation of Labour, in Convention assembled, a warm welcome to our country.

I may perhaps be permitted to extend a word of special greeting to ~~you~~ Mr. Green, in whom I also welcome a friend of many years standing.] We, in Canada, all regret the illness which has prevented Mr. Tom Moore from sharing in the welcome of the American Federation of Labour to our country. The honoured place which organized labour has come to hold in the minds of the Canadian people owes much to Mr. Moore's ^{up to long} devotion to the cause of Labour, and to his ^{many years of} ~~long~~ leadership of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

The Delegates from the United States do not come to Canada as strangers. The unions federated in the American Federation of Labour are at once Canadian and American unions. The international organization of Labour on this continent is one of the outstanding examples of that ~~the~~ unique relationship between Canada and the United States which is without parallel in the history of international relations.

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