

Reply of His Excellency the Governor General
to the Minister of China.

February 26, 1942.

Mr. Minister:

It affords me great pleasure to receive in the name of His Majesty The King, the Letter of Credence by which the President of the National Government of the Republic of China accredits you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada, and I extend to you, as the first diplomatic representative of China in Canada, a very warm welcome.

I beg you to convey to His Excellency the Chairman of the National Government of the Republic of China my sincere thanks for His Excellency's cordial greetings and best wishes both for the health of His Majesty The King and for the welfare and prosperity of Canada and of the Canadian people. These high sentiments are reciprocated in full measure to His Excellency and to the Chinese people by me and by the Government and people of Canada.

The establishment in Canada of a diplomatic mission from China is welcomed with the utmost cordiality and will serve further to develop and promote the happy and friendly relations which have for so long existed between our two countries.

The courageous struggle which the people of China with undaunted spirit have waged for so many years against the invasion of their native land has aroused the sympathy and admiration of the Canadian people. Canada too has been engaged in a struggle against aggressor nations. Today the people of Canada and the people of China are both confronted by the same enemies against whom they will continue as comrades in arms to share the defence of Freedom and Justice until victory has been achieved. Our efforts to defeat our ruthless foes are uniting us in an ever close association and will, I know, form the basis for a wider and deeper friendship.

In the discharge of the duties of your important mission you may rely upon my wholehearted co-operation.