

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

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I thank you, Prime Minister, for honouring this occasion by your presence. To me, it is indeed a source of pride that, behind our relationship in the affairs of State at this time of war, there lies an unbroken friendship extending over more than a third of a century - a friendship kept warm by personal visits of one or the other to Britain or Canada. We have not, at all times, seen eye to eye. But in viewing the course which it seemed wisest to take, we have seldom had difficulty in reconciling our views, and have never had reason to question their sincerity. Today, I stand at your side, one with you in thought, and purpose and determination, never more honoured than that long years of public service should have afforded me the opportunity so to represent, before the world, the proud position of Canada at the side of Britain.

Perhaps you will permit me to express, in the presence of your fellow countrymen, something of the feelings which Canadians, one and all, cherish towards yourself. In the hour of Britain's greatest need, we have seen you ~~address~~ <sup>personify</sup> ~~in your own person,~~ the unbending determination, the dogged courage, and the unyielding perseverance of the British people. We have seen you do more than this. By the power of your eloquence, by the energy of your conduct, and by the genius of your leadership, you have galvanized a great people into heroic action, rarely equalled and never excelled in the history of warfare.