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As my term of office as Governor General is now nearing its close, I cannot forbear to remark upon the privilege enjoyed by Her Royal Highness The Princess Alice and myself of residing in Canada through these momentous years of war and the first months of transition in a more peaceful atmosphere. There is an abiding satisfaction, which both of us will cherish throughout our lives, in having seen this nation shoulder the burdens imposed by world-wide conflict, and to see, as well, the emergence of Canada strong both in material resources and in the determination of her people to take their fair share in the tasks of peace-making and peace-keeping. I should like to assure you that all these memories will remain with Princess Alice and myself, and that our interest in all that pertains to Canada will be close and constant.

You will shortly be welcoming to Canada, to succeed me in the office of Governor General, Field Marshal the Viscount Alexander of ^{Taxis} ~~Taxis~~. I can express no higher hope for him, as he begins his duties as the Representative of the King, than that he should receive the same warmth of welcome which throughout the past six years has been accorded me throughout the length and breadth of Canada.