

Reception - Chateau Laurier - June 18th, 1947

Remarks by the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> W. L. Mackenzie King

Your Eminence, ~~Your Excellency~~,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank His Excellency the Archbishop of Ottawa for inviting me to be present and to say a few words at this reception in honour of His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan, Papal Legate to the Marian Congress, which is now being held in the Capital of Canada. Your Excellency's invitation affords me an opportunity not only to extend a special welcome to His Eminence, but also to welcome to Ottawa the other distinguished prelates who have come from many countries, as well as from many parts of our own country.

Special Welcome to Cardinal McGuigan.

Cardinal McGuigan will not need to be reminded of the cordiality of the approval with which, a little over a year ago, his fellow-citizens of all religious denominations, in all parts of our country, received the announcement of his appointment to the College of Cardinals - the first Cardinal in English-speaking Canada. Today, His Eminence will perhaps allow me to congratulate him on having been designated as Papal Legate to the present great Congress of his Church in Canada. This further recognition of the place Cardinal McGuigan holds in his Church will also be warmly welcomed by his fellow-countrymen.