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St. George's Day Luncheon

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In expressing the thanks of this gathering to its guest of honour for the eloquent address to which we have just listened, may I say that Canada is indeed pleased to have again as a visitor to its Capital, our good friend Mayor LaGuardia, of the City of New York. May I say, however, that today we recognize in Mayor LaGuardia, one who represents and speaks for more than himself, sufficient as that would be to merit for him, from all, the highest recognition. He represents and speaks for more than the great city of which, over so long a period, he has been the splendid administrative head. He comes to us on this St. George's Day - England's Day - as the representative of our strong and friendly neighbour, the United States of America, and as the exponent of those democratic principles, ideals and institutions which to the peoples of this Continent are a common heritage, derived from a common background. They demand today for their preservation the most in the way of common effort, service and sacrifice of which free peoples are capable.