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In the dark, early hours of this morning, the powers of evil unloosed their ruthless force against the two small peaceful and peace-loving nations of the Netherlands and Belgium. Their countries are today the battle ground of Europe and of the world. To these new victims of relentless tyranny and violence, Canada not only offers its profound sympathy, but pledges its unwavering support. Once again within the space of twenty-five years, the little land of Belgium is ravaged, and its brave men and women called upon to face far greater horrors than those which they withstood and vanquished in the days of 1914. They will withstand and vanquish them again.

With pride we re-join the Belgian people in the comradeship of arms, sanctified by the memory of common sacrifices.

For one hundred years the people of the Netherlands have known peace. The history of their rise to freedom is the history of heroic resistance to tyrants. We, in Canada, know how much they have contributed to the strength, the peaceful progress and the idealism of the North American continent. They too have joined the brotherhood of free nations, fighting for freedom.

No words could adequately condemn the treachery and the barbarism which have marked the successive outrages of Nazi Germany. They serve only to exalt the Allied cause and to strengthen the determination of each one of us to end this evil thing forever, and to keep inviolate the inner sanctuaries of