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PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

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I thank you, my Lord Mayor and members of the Corporation of the City of London for affording me this occasion to speak, on behalf of the people of Canada, to the people of Britain.

I thank you also, my Lord Mayor, for the honour you have done me in proposing my health, and particularly for the sentiments which you have so graciously expressed. The people of Canada will be quick to recognize that the honour which is being done me, today, is meant as an honour to all Canada. This the Canadian people will deeply appreciate. This they will never forget.

It is, truly, a high privilege to speak in this ancient city which has suffered so grievous a martyrdom for the cause of freedom. What London has already endured, with undaunted courage, has added to her story a chapter so illustrious that her historic glories pale by comparison. In these days, reviving memories of the assertion and the preservation of freedom, your citizens still defend, with all their ancestral strength, the rights of plain, ordinary men and women, not of London only, but of the world; resisting, as of old, with indomitable and unbroken will, the onset of tyranny.

Throughout the past two years, the people of Britain, in the midst of horror and suffering, have given an example

of human endurance.