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We are pleased to recall that you were in Canada on the occasion of another royal visit. At that time, our country was honoured by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, whose names are today revered by us all as Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary.

Today your welcome arrival brings also to mind that in the ~~four~~ days of the last war, when violence and aggression once before threatened our cherished liberties, His late Majesty King George V appointed your Excellency as His Representative in Canada.

At that time, the path of Your Excellency's duty led you instead to the front of battle. Today, following again the path of duty, you come to us with the unique distinction of this twice bestowed royal confidence, to receive a welcome which our recollection, and the passing of the years, have served only to increase in sincerity and cordiality.

We welcome in you, Sir, one whose birth, and rank and royal kinship have been the badge not of privilege, but of service.