

under the stimulus of the conditions of war, we came to these meetings knowing much of each other's problems and points of view. But I should like to say how much I have profited by hearing these problems and points of view explained and interpreted by the men who are themselves responsible to their own parliaments for the conduct of their countries' business. I shall carry back to my colleagues in Ottawa an impression of these conceptions which will be of great value to us all and enable us to formulate our policies with a more direct appreciation of the common problems which we face.

It is my hope that the <sup>advanced</sup> friendships of these meetings may be frequently renewed and refreshed. We have welcomed to Ottawa many visitors from the other nations of the Commonwealth <sup>since the beginning of the</sup> during the present war. On those occasions we have profited greatly from the opportunities of discussing matters of common interest. The government and people of Canada are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from the Prime Minister of Australia which will provide an opportunity to pay tribute to him and to the achievements of his countrymen in the present war. We are eager also to welcome again the Prime Minister of New Zealand who is happily no stranger to Canada. It is many years since the Prime Minister of South Africa has been in