

possible after Assembling of Parliament of Canada,
which had been summoned for Jan. 14th.

Re (1) - Action of Government re Abdication and Succession:

Action taken was in accordance with provisions of

See exhibit

Section 4 of Statute of Westminster, which reads:

"No Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the commencement of this Act shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to a Dominion as part of the law of that Dominion, unless it is expressly declared in that Act that that Dominion has requested, and consented to, the enactment thereof."

On Dec. 10, immediately following receipt of expression of

King's final determination to renounce Throne, Order-in-Council (P.C. 3144) was approved -

Embodied necessary request and consent to the enactment of appropriate legislation, as regards Canada, by the Parliament of U.K.;

This request and consent conveyed to U.K. Government;

"His Majesty's Declaration of Abdication Act" introduced on same day in British House, next day (Dec. 11) passed both Houses and ^{assented to} signed by Commissioners on behalf of King;

Act contained recital, in accordance with constitutional convention, that:

"following upon the communication to his Dominions of His Majesty's said declaration and desire, the Dominion of Canada, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, has requested and consented to the enactment of this Act";