

Notification to Foreign Legations at Ottawa:

Diplomatic notes to the three Foreign [*sic*] Ministers were mailed last night, advising them of the death of the Sovereign and adding that they would be further advised about the new Sovereign, mourning and date of funeral.

Black-edged notepaper:

According to paragraph 5, of Regulations relating to Court Mourning, received from Lord Chamberlain in 1932, black-edged notepaper is to be discontinued by Government Departments, except by the Foreign Office for communications with Foreign Governments and Ambassadors. It seems doubtful whether such regulation will apply for Court Mourning in regard to our own Sovereign.

A telegram was sent last night to Mr. Massey to enquire on this point.

Draping of public buildings:

A telegram was sent last night to Mr. Massey on the point whether buildings other than Parliament, East and West Block Buildings are to be draped.

Representation at Funeral in London:

Mr. Massey was asked by telegram last night whether he thought Canadian Minister in Paris might be associated with him at the Funeral.

Other points to be ascertained:

(a) Do our Ministers abroad require to be accredited again (by the new Sovereign)?

(b) Do they have to be sworn in again as Privy Councillors?
If so, how should it be done?

(c) Do Foreign [*sic*] Ministers at Ottawa require to be accredited again here?

(d) *Continued use of Public Seal:*

(See attached copy of letter 27th May, 1910,¹ from Crewe to Administrator, Ottawa).

In two or three weeks, the new Sovereign will issue Royal Warrant for this purpose.

This, I assume, should be countersigned by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In a few days, Mr. Massey might be instructed to take up matter with Dominions Office.

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