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Rumors of Fall Election Spiked by Prime Minister

Ottawa, Nov. 2 (Staff).—Election rumors, upsurging in the wake of former Defense Minister Ralston's resignation and Cabinet crisis on army policy, subsided tonight when Prime Minister King issued a formal statement which reiterated his announced policy of avoiding a wartime election.

"I wish to repeat definitely what I have said consistently for more than a year, that I will do everything in my power to avoid a general election until the war is over," he said.

He made one condition, "which I have also consistently stated," that the people will not be denied the right the Constitution gives them of choosing their representatives in the House of Commons every five years. He said he issued

the statement to prevent any misunderstanding.

On the basis of Prime Minister Churchill's forecast to the British House this week, that the European war may not end before Easter or early summer, Mr. King's latest statement would suggest that the House will be called into normal session on Jan. 31, and sit until dissolved in time for an election in the late spring.

That is, of course, provided that "everything in my power" is sufficient to stand off an election against any issue which might arise before the life of Parliament expires in June.

Member feeling, which was anxious for a fall election in spite of Mr. King's wishes, in recent weeks has been batting for a quick dissolution of Parliament when it meets on Jan. 31, with an early spring election.

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