

tween His Majesty's several Governments. He suggested that it might be best, in regard to the appointment of Counsellors of State, to follow the general procedure adopted on that occasion, with the following qualification, namely, that no persons should be nominated to act as Counsellors of State who were not Members of the Royal Family.

It was agreed—

(1) That it was desirable to adopt the proposal in regard to Counsellors of State outlined above.

(2) That no reference should be made to this subject in the Report of the Conference.

The second telegram attached, Circular B. 8, refers to the Regency proposals made last spring and which contemplated the possibility of a lengthy incapacity on the part of the Sovereign. The question arose whether establishment of Regents should be effected by legislation in the United Kingdom alone or legislation in all the Commonwealth Governments. Mr. Bennett was prepared to acquiesce in the first suggestion but strong opposition was expressed by the Irish Free State.

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January 21, 1936

REGARDING DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY GEORGE V

*Notification of death of Sovereign from London to Canada:*

G.G. received a telegram from Lord Wigram yesterday evening informing His Excellency and requesting him to advise Prime Minister.

No notification came through Sec. of State for Dominion Affairs.

*Notification to Sec. of State and other Departments:*

When Dr. Skelton was advised (at 8.45 p.m.) yesterday evening of the notification to the Governor General and to the Prime Minister, he telephoned Mr. Coleman.

It was understood that the Department of the Secretary of State would advise the other Departments.

*Notification to Canadian Legations abroad, Canadian Offices at London and Geneva:*

Telegrams were sent last night (about 9.30) informing the Legations and Offices and instructing them about half masting flags.

It was added that further advice would be cabled about accession, mourning and date of funeral.