

of proclamation concerning new Sovereign as soon as possible in order you may then make announcement of accession. Separate action by your Legation with close collaboration of Embassy is approved. You will be advised later on question of credentials. I may say, for your information, Secretary of State Washington called on Canadian Chargé d'Affaires this morning to express sympathy and sorrow at death of His Majesty.

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January 21, 1936

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND CANADIAN MINISTER

With reference to the enquiry by Mr. Wrong as to arrangements for an Empire service or ceremony in connection with the death of His Late Majesty, the arrangements for the official service held in Tokyo to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V are described in Sir Herbert Marler's despatch No. 108 of April 25th, 1935.

The British Ambassador's notice to the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps contained the following paragraph:

The Canadian Minister and myself will attend in uniform. I am writing in agreement with Mr. Marler to inform Your Excellency of this and we should be glad if you will be good enough to inform our Colleagues in the event of any of them wishing to attend.

The Committee of arrangements included a representative of the Embassy, of the Legation and of the Church.

Invitations included prominent Japanese.

The expenses for decoration, etc., were borne equally by the Ambassador and the Canadian Minister.

The printed card announcing the Service read as follows:

His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador and His Britannic Majesty's Minister for Canada have the honour to inform

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That a Thanksgiving Service to mark the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of His Majesty King George the Fifth will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, May 6th, 1935, at the Japanese Church, Sei Andere Hyokai, immediately behind the English Church of St. Andrew, Shiha, Tokyo.

The degree of co-operation indicated above was attained only after strong representations had been made by the Canadian Minister to the British Ambassador. Sir Herbert Marler stated that he could not take part in the Celebration except on a basis of equality, that he would not take part as the Ambassador's invited guest, and that His Majesty "is just as much the King of Canada as he is the King of Great Britain".