

NOTE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Hereunder is a translation of an excerpt of a letter received by Major Pierre Daviault, from an American citizen, following a radio talk which he delivered recently about the origin of names in Canada; Major Daviault has asked me to bring this letter to your attention.

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"I am writing you to submit a thought which occurred to me in connection with the name MacKenzie borne by your illustrious statesman, Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King. There are in Scotland thousands of French names like, for instance, Fitz-Simmons, MacRoy, Le Bruce, etc., which date back to the wars which Scotland and France fought together against England, from the days of Joan of Arc; great numbers of Normans also settled in England and Scotland after the Norman conquest such as the Quincy family which went to Scotland, where the name was changed successively into Kenzie and MacKenzie. In the United States, our second President himself, Samuel Adams, as well as his son, John Quincy Adams, also one of our Presidents, bore that Anglo-Norman name, and therefore it is possible that your congenial Prime Minister might be of French origin."

(Signed) Wm. N. Heyward, Jr.,
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