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Imperial Institute
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Memorandum for Mr. King
Imperial Institute Governors.

Under the Act re-organizing the Imperial Institute and merging with it the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau, which has just been passed by the British Parliament, in accordance with the agreement reached at the Imperial Conference of 1923 and subsequent tables, it becomes necessary for the Canadian Government to appoint one member of the Board of Governors.

The High Commissioner was representative on the old Board in the case not only of Canada, but of the other Dominions, and presumably only someone permanently resident in London could fulfil the duties of this post.

At the same time, in view of the fact that the work of the Institute is closely associated with the Department of Mines, through which the appropriation is made, and that technical questions are frequently involved, it might be desirable that provision should be made to have the Deputy Minister of Mines serve as a Deputy to the High Commissioner if at any time he should be in London when a meeting of the Board was being held.

24 June. The attached cable to the High Commissioner is therefore suggested as a preliminary to answering the enclosed telegram from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. If the suggestion were concurred in, a formal Order-in-Council could be prepared by the Department of Mines and the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs could then be informed.

Ottawa, 21st July, 1925.

*Could not. Deputy post. be left over to advantage
arranging with High Council originally for
this. Think it best to ask High Council to
accept applicant without reference to Deputy
at present - then call on under 4. to
July 22-25-1*

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