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The following statement was issued by Prime Minister Mackenzie King for release at twelve noon, E.D.T.:

The Governments of Canada and the United States announced today that arrangements have been completed whereby the legations of the two countries at Ottawa and Washington will be elevated to the rank of embassy. The change in status will become effective with respect to each mission upon the presentation of the Letter of Credence of the Ambassador Designate.

The ties of friendship which for so long have bound Canada and the United States together, during both war and peace, are thus further cemented by this accord of the two Governments announced today.