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The Right Honourable S.G. Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand will pay a four-day visit to Canada en route to the Coronation. Accompanied by Mrs. Holland, he will arrive at Niagara Falls on Wednesday morning, May 20. On Thursday morning, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Holland will be flown to Ottawa by special R.C.A.F. plane.

Upon arrival at Rockcliffe airport at 12.15 p.m. they will be greeted by the Secretary to the Governor General, by the Honourable Brooke Claxton, Acting Prime Minister and by Commonwealth High Commissioners and senior officials. Mr. Holland will review a guard of honour before proceeding to Government House where he and Mrs. Holland will stay as the guests of His Excellency the Governor General.

At 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, Mr. Holland will call on the Acting Prime Minister. At 5.30 p.m. the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs. Hislop will give a reception in honour of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Holland and, that cvening, the Governor General will give a dinner for them.

At 10.05 a.m. Friday, the Prime Minister will lay a wrath at the National War Memorial, and at 10.15 a.m. he will hold a press conference at the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He will then call on the Minister of Transport. Mr. & Mrs. Claxton will give a luncheon in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Holland at the Country Club and, that evening, they will dine with Mr. and Mrs. Hislop.

On Saturday morning, they will go by automobile to the Seigniory Club and will leave Dorval airport for London at 6.00 p.m.