

travelled a good deal round the Empire. As a personality he would, I think, make a great appeal to the Canadian public, while Lady Linlithgow is equally distinguished and charming. I do not yet know whether he would be willing that his name should receive consideration as he has only just returned from Egypt, but I see no reason to anticipate any hesitation to undertake so great a public service were the opportunity given him.

Lastly there is the name which you yourself mentioned as rumoured in the minds of men, namely that of Lord Willingdon. He is now nearly 60 and therefore decidedly older than any of the foregoing. His political experience at home has been limited, although at one time he was in the House and a Junior Whip. As a Governor of Bombay and of Madras over a period of some 12 years he was very successful and was greatly helped by Lady Willingdon's indefatigable energy. He has great charm, but on the personal side I need not elaborate as you have so recently met both him and his wife. I should say, however, that neither in great ability, knowledge of affairs, nor in the appeal which he would make to the public is he quite in the same class as the others whom I have mentioned. He is, as you know, at the present moment in China on a special mission and may not be free for some little time, and I have not been able to sound him as to his views if selected, but I have very little doubt that he would gladly avail himself of the opportunity.

I have, of course, on several occasions discussed this matter very fully with the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, who, as you know, has a very good personal experience of life and affairs in Canada, with the object of suggesting to you the best man we could find of political and Cabinet experience, of non-political experience but a diplomat and man of the world, or a younger man of personality and enthusiasm.

You will be able to judge which of these types corresponds best to Canada's requirements at the present time.

With kindest regards etc.

STANLEY BALDWIN

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*Le Premier ministre au premier ministre de Grande-Bretagne*

*Prime Minister to British Prime Minister*

Ottawa, April 16, 1926

My dear Prime Minister,

I have received your letter of March 26th, supplementing your letter of March 2nd, with reference to the appointment of a successor to His Excellency Lord Byng in the position of Governor-General of Canada. I cannot too cordially express my appreciation of both communications.

Each of the four gentlemen whose names you have suggested for consideration is so distinguished as to cause me greatly to hesitate in venturing to