

(c) R.G. Riddell, Esquire, to be permanent representative of Canada to the United Nations.

(Orders in Council P.C.3854, 3855 and 3780, Aug.7, 1950).

W.L. Mackenzie King; testamentary dispositions

3. The Prime Minister reported that he had received from the executors and general trustees a copy of the will of the late Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King. Details as to testamentary disposition of the estate would be made known at a later date but the executors had wished to inform the Government immediately of certain bequests to the nation provided for in the will. These included:

(a) Laurier House in Ottawa, to be bequeathed as a permanent national historical possession, under the supervision of the Public Archives of Canada, with provision for access to the house by students of history, and the maintenance of the house with suitable furnishings and possessions as a living memorial of two of Canada's Prime Ministers. A trust fund of \$225,000 was provided in the will to assist in this purpose;

(b) the Kingsmere property, consisting of 500 acres of land and the buildings thereon, to be bequeathed to the nation as a public park. It was Mr.King's desire that the property be maintained, as far as possible, in its present state and developed as park land and a wild life sanctuary. The will also expressed a wish that the Government of Canada consider the possibility of setting aside part of the property as a country home for the holder of the office of Prime Minister.

The rest of the will was concerned with a number of private bequests and testamentary directions, the establishment of a scholarship in memory of his father, the appointment of literary executors with specific duties concerning his papers, and the use of the residue of his estate for the establishment of scholarships to be administered by a board of trustees, consisting of Dr. Leonard W. Brockington, Dr.Cyril James and Dr.Norman A.M. MacKenzie.

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