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The following particulars with respect to the forthcoming visit to Ottawa of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent of Belgium have been given to the press by the Department of External Affairs.

His Royal Highness will be accompanied on his visit to Ottawa by Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Mr. Paul de Groote, Minister of Economic Co-operation of Belgium, and by members of their staffs.

Friday, April 16

The Prince Regent will arrive in his own aircraft at Rockcliffe Airport at noon on Friday, April 16, where he will be welcomed to Canada by the Deputy Governor General, the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and other members of the Government. His Royal Highness and the members of the Belgian Government will lunch informally with the Prime Minister at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. During the afternoon the Prince Regent will visit the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Spaak, the Prime Minister of Belgium, will meet the press. In the evening His Royal Highness will be the guest of the Government of Canada at a dinner in his honour at the Country Club.

Saturday, April 17

At one o'clock on Saturday, April 17, His Royal Highness will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial, after which he will entertain at luncheon at the Belgian Embassy. In the evening the Prince Regent will be the Prime Minister's guest at dinner at Laurier House and afterwards at the Minto Follies.

Sunday, April 18
On Sunday, April 18, the Prince Regent will leave Canada by air for Belgium from Rockcliffe Airport.