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BELGIUM

THE ROYAL FAMILY

Reigning King:

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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRADE COMMISSIONER

H.M. Léopold III, born in Brussels November 3,1901. (Visited U.S.A. a few years ago when Prince).

> Son of <u>King Albert I</u>, who died as a result of an accident at <u>Marche-lez-</u> Dames, February 17,1934. (King Albert visited Canada in 1910).

Queen Astrid, wife of Léopold III, died in Switzerland, August 29, 1935 following a motor-car accident.

<u>Children</u>: Princess Joséphine-Charlotte (born 1927) Prince Baudouin (born 1930) Prince Albert (born 1934).

Queen Mother: H.M. Queen Elizabeth (widow of Albert I).

Present King's Brother and Sister:

Prince Charles (born 1903); Princess Marie-José (born 1906), married to H.R.H. Prince Humbert, son of the King of Italy.

The King's Civil List:

Grand Marshal of the Court: - Count Cornet de Ways Ruart. Master of Ceremonies: - C. Papeians de Morchoven. King's Secretary: - Baron R. Capelle.

Note.- On October 14, 1936, King Léopold made a historic declaration: that of voluntary neutrality for Belgium as compared with the previous regime which was based on Belgium's obligatory pre-war neutrality, which had been successively assured by guarantees under the Pact of the League of Nations, the military agreement of 1920 between Belgian and French Military Head Quarters, the Rhine or Locarno Pact of 1925 and the Kellogg Pact of 1928.

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