

I have placed the names in alphabetical order not for the purpose of indicating an order of preference but in order that before making a final recommendation to Your Majesty, I might receive from you, should you so desire, any comment or expression of preference, which Your Majesty might wish to make.

I should perhaps mention that at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday at which the question of a successor to His Excellency was considered, while there was unanimous approval of a submission of all three names, preference, in so far as it was expressed, was for Mr. Trevelyan. As, until today, I have not communicated with anyone of the three as to whether or not he would be willing to have his name submitted to Your Majesty, I am unable to say whether Mr. Trevelyan would be prepared to accept the position.

In mentioning the name of Mr. Trevelyan, I should not wish it to be thought that I had any reservation about the entire suitability of Lord Airlie or General Alexander.

I am pleased to inform Your Majesty that Lord Athlone has kindly consented to continue in office for the opening of the first session of the new Parliament which is fixed for August the 23rd, and to continue for such time longer as may permit of his successor arriving in Canada at a time which may prove most convenient to him and to the government.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's faithful subject,

(Signed) W. L. Mackenzie King.

Message ends.

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA