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Possible Marriage of the King

Statement to the Press

by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister.

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There is one thing I should like to say about many of the cabled communications which have appeared in our press. It is quite wrong to allege that in the existing situation any proceeding or course of action in Great Britain has been at the instance of or upon the insistence of the Dominions, and of Canada in particular, as distinguished from the United Kingdom. I can, of course, speak with knowledge and authority only in so far as Canada is concerned, but I believe what I am saying will be found to be equally true of all the self-governing Dominions.

There is and has been on the part of the Prime Minister and Government of the United Kingdom full recognition of the fact that the several Dominions are vitally interested in all that pertains to the Crown. As a consequence, there is, and has been, consultation between the several Governments. The initiative has necessarily been with the British Government. It has been taken, however, with due regard to the collective concern and responsibility of the several governments of the British Commonwealth.

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