

Re Mr. King:

Mr. Mackenzie King does not hold any title or order giving him rank or precedence over any other citizen. Mr. King is C.M.G., Companion of St. Michael and St. George. There is one important letter wanting, the K. If Mr. King were K.C.M.G., he would be Sir William and entitled to hand his banner in the chapel of the Order. As a Companion, his only privilege is to hold the stirrup of the knight whose squire he might be. It is not likely that Mr. Mackenzie King has had any training in his duties of chivalry. His other title, Rt. Hon., is merely one of courtesy, owing to his being sworn of the Privy Council. It carries no rank nor precedence.

There is in Mr. King's latest protest the same ring of insincerity and political manoeuvring that is so often apparent in his public statements and actions.

Mr. Mackenzie King has taken the correct view of the issue when he says that Parliament itself, not the Government, should have made the decision.

I do not think the Right Hon. Mackenzie King is very consistent in his attitude toward titles, in view of the fact that he himself has accepted a "C.M.G." from His Majesty the King, and also accepted a title higher than that of any knighthood, namely, that of a British Privy Councillor, with the prefix "Right Hon." He took this since the year 1919, and since the ~~Nide~~ resolution banning titles was passed by the House of Commons at Ottawa.

Whether Mr. Mackenzie King is fool or hypocrite, his parliamentary opposition to the restoration of titles can certainly be set down to cunning political intrigue.

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