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It is known that these thoughts were privately considered by Mr. Marler in Tokyo. Whether he knew of Mr. Bennett's views or intentions at that immediate time is not clear. Mr. Marler had grounds for feeling that Mr. Bennett, the new Prime Minister, might be unsympathetic, in view of past criticisms of the Tokyo Legation. Mr. Bennett's views, so clearly announced in 1935, might not have been so definite in August, 1930. Shortly afterwards Mr. Marler returned to Canada on leave, and saw Mr. Bennett, and may at that occasion have convincingly argued his views to the Prime Minister that a diplomatic change on political grounds would be unwise, unjustified, and a wrong precedent. At any rate Mr. Bennett was impressed by Mr. Marler after his visit to Canada, and frequently thereafter expressed his encomiums and praised his work in the Far East. (In 1934 he recommended to His Majesty the honour of a knighthood, K.C.M.G., for Mr. Marler, as an expression of his confidence, although there were other factors behind this, including Mr. Marler's own importunings for a title equivalent to that of the British Ambassador in Tokyo as a mark of equality).

Mr. Bennett decided not to make an issue or a precedent in this matter. Whether disapproving as in 1927 and 1928, or approving as in 1930-35, of separate Canadian diplomatic missions in general, he decided to retain Mr. Marler in his office as Minister to Tokyo, later justifying this not only with encomiums of Mr.