

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 any one 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.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

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*Le secrétaire privé du Roi au Premier ministre*  
*Private Secretary to the King to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM

London, July 13, 1945

IMMEDIATE. The King thanks you for your telegram of July 11th. His Majesty would be ready to approve any of the three gentlemen you mention, though he considers Trevelyan's age is a serious obstacle and that it is most doubtful if he would be prepared to leave Cambridge in his seventieth year.

The King thinks Alexander would be an admirable Governor General in every way, but as a preliminary it is essential to establish whether he could be released from whatever military duties he may be designated for in the future. If you wish, I could ascertain this confidentially.

As regards Airlie, the King considers he also would be highly suitable should Alexander not be available.

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