

(Minister's memorandum, Jan. 17,† and External Affairs memorandum, Jan. 18, 1949†).

35. *The Cabinet*, after discussion, noted the report submitted by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the request of the United Kingdom for a change in the Royal Style and Titles with respect to Ireland and agreed that the U.K. government be informed of the government's desire to have further time to consider changes of a more comprehensive nature with a view to the submission of proposals.

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3. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs*, referring to discussion at the meeting of January 19th, stated that the United Kingdom had again asked that Canada agree to the substitution in the Royal Style and Titles of "Northern Ireland" for "Ireland" and be prepared to take steps to seek parliamentary assent to the change.

A draft reply to the U.K. High Commissioner at Ottawa was submitted and read.

(External Affairs memorandum, Jan. 31, 1949, and attached documents†).

4. *The Cabinet*, after discussion, noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and agreed that a reply be sent to the U.K. High Commissioner along the lines suggested by Mr. Pearson; viz., the Canadian government agreed that the present expression "Great Britain and Ireland" would be inappropriate on the coming into force of the Republic of Ireland Act and could not, therefore, object to the course proposed to be followed by the United Kingdom; however, the Canadian government did not propose to seek parliamentary approval for any change in the Royal Style and Titles until, in the light of other existing anomalies, a general revision could be put forward after consultation with other Commonwealth governments.