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1) Present status of Canadian Legations in Brussels  
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In both Belgium and Holland the members of the Canadian Legations remained at their posts after the invasion by Germany and withdrew at the last moment before the German advance. They kept the Government well advised of developments, and members of the various Canadian Government services were evacuated successfully. § The Queen of Holland and her Government are now in London. § The position of the Belgian Government which operated for a time in France is somewhat obscure. It is anticipated that Belgian representation will shortly be established in the United Kingdom.

The Canadian Minister to Belgium and the Netherlands, Mr. DESY, who had kept in touch with the Belgian Government throughout, has this week gone to London.

The staffs of the Legations for the most part have been retired or absorbed. It is expected that representation on a very restricted basis will be continued in England to enable us to keep in touch with the Netherlands and Belgian authorities.