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Of matters which have taken place since this book was printed, that of prime importance is the visit of the King and the Queen to Canada and the amazing quality of their welcome by the peoples of Canada, whatever their racial origin. If the King found Parliament not ready for prorogation, it proved possible for him to give in person assent to the vital measure to put in operation the trade agreement between the Dominion and the United States, which, like that between the United Kingdom and the States, aims at lowering unnatural barriers to the free movement of trade, and at strengthening the bonds between the two greatest of democracies at a time when democracy has suffered the severest set-back in Europe. The attendance of Mr. Mackenzie King on the sovereign during his brief and most successful visit to the United States was a significant assertion of Imperial unity and the power of each unit on occasion to represent the whole. The episode must unquestionably add greatly to the weight of the views of the sovereign in relation to the conduct of the affairs of the United Kingdom, and may well serve to restore to the throne the prestige acquired under George V.

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