

surprised at the action of the French and Italian Ambassadors. The idea that the French are a particularly polite nation or particularly well-informed regarding matters that have no direct bearing on their own immediate interests, does not seem to be very well founded.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE ON THE PROCLAMATION OF JANUARY 21, 1936 PROCLAIMING  
HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII

1. The Proclamation in Canada, as published, proclaimed as follows (see The Canada Gazette, Extra January 21, 1936):

Now Know Ye that I, the said Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Governor General of Canada as aforesaid, assisted by His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David is now by the death of Our late Sovereign of happy and glorious memory become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Edward the Eighth by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, **Supreme Lord in and over the Dominion of Canada**, to whom we acknowledge all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection,

2. The Proclamation in Great Britain proclaimed as follows (see Supplement to The London Gazette, January 21, 1936, Numb. 34245, page 449):

We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of His late Majesty's Privy Council, with Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Edward the Eighth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection;

3. It will be noted that the Canadian Proclamation contains a phrase, "Supreme Lord in and over the Dominion of Canada", as underlined above, to which there is no corresponding phrase in the British Proclamation. This Canadian formula followed the formula used in 1910 when His late Majesty King George V was proclaimed. On that occasion a telegram of May 8, 1910, confirmed by a despatch of May 13th, from the Colonial Secretary,

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