

You know, I think, how ready our Government would be, should His Excellency be agreeable to either alternative, to recommend the renewal or extension of Lord Byng's term of office. The attitude of the Government in this regard is but expressive of the general sentiment of all classes in the Dominion.

Yours very sincerely,  
W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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*Le premier ministre de Grande-Bretagne au Premier ministre  
British Prime Minister to Prime Minister*

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

London, March 2, 1926

My dear Mr. Mackenzie King,

I am glad to find from your letter of the 10th February that we are in complete agreement both as to the spirit and as to the manner in which we should approach the question of the selection of a successor to Lord Byng. I am entirely at one with you in regarding it as essential that any appointment should have the cordial approval of the Canadian Government, and I cannot think of any procedure which would be preferable to that which you suggest. It has been followed on various recent comparable occasions, and has worked satisfactorily. I will accordingly send you, as soon as I can, the names of some persons whom the King would be prepared, if acceptable to you, to consider for the appointment.

As regards Lord Willingdon I hope you have not been embarrassed by the Press reports to which you refer as having coupled his name with the appointment. We have not said or done anything to give rise to such reports and, so far as we are concerned, they are mere speculations.

It will give me great pleasure to inform the King of the appreciative terms in which you refer to Lord Byng's services, and I am sure that His Majesty will be highly gratified.

Yours very sincerely,  
STANLEY BALDWIN

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*Le premier ministre de Grande-Bretagne au Premier ministre  
British Prime Minister to Prime Minister*

London, March 26, 1926

My dear Prime Minister,

Since writing to you on the 2nd March I have taken an opportunity of obtaining the King's views upon the suitability of candidates for the success-