

as regards the use of the English or the French language, or as regards the requirements that there shall be a session of the Parliament of Canada at least once each year, and that no House of Commons shall continue for more than five years from the day of the return of the Writs for choosing the House; provided however, that a House of Commons may in time of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection be continued by the Parliament of Canada, if such continuation is not opposed by the votes of more than one-third of the Members of such House.

“2. This Act may be cited as the British North America Act, 1949 (No. 2), and the British North America Acts, 1867–1949, and this Act may be cited together as the British North America Acts, 1867–1949 (No. 2).”

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ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES

34. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs* reported that the United Kingdom sought the agreement of the government to a change in His Majesty's style and titles in consequence of the withdrawal of Ireland from the Commonwealth. The change suggested was the substitution of “Northern Ireland” for “Ireland”.

This raised the larger question whether the government should agree to make the one isolated change in relation to Ireland or whether the opportunity should be taken to suggest wider amendment with a view to removing anomalies to which objection had been taken in Canada.

If it were decided to follow the latter course, several alternatives suggested themselves. One possibility would be to have the King's title differ for each country, so for the United Kingdom it might be “of the United Kingdom and the other nations of the British Commonwealth, King”, in respect of Canada “of Canada and the other nations of the British Commonwealth, King”.

To permit further consideration of this matter, it was suggested that the U.K. government be informed that we would like to take this opportunity of studying a more general revision of the Royal Style and Titles and would like some time to formulate proposals.

² Voir aussi le chapitre X./See also Chapter X.