

King Edward's Abdication became effective upon assent to  
Bill by duly authorized Commissioners, Dec. 11 -  
Accession of Duke of York took place simultaneously;  
H. M. proclaimed as King George VI, in Ottawa (and in other  
parts of Commonwealth), Dec. 12;

Re (2) - Action of Parliament of Canada re change in law touching

Succession to Throne:

Bill providing for assent of Parliament of Canada has been  
introduced -

Accords with constitutional convention expressed in  
Second recital of Statute of Westminster;

Re Contention that Parliament of Canada should first have assented

to Change in Succession:

Parliament of Canada not in session as in case of Parliament  
of U.K.;

Impossible, due to geographical factors to summon Parliament  
of Canada in time to act prior to, or simultaneously  
with Parliament at Westminster;

King Edward's definite and irrevocable intention made  
known only on Dec. 10;

King Edward's expressed desire that Instrument of Abdica-  
tion be executed immediately;

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