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the other part, will continue till the King makes peace with those countries respectively. And the King when he so makes peace will do it, I have no doubt, on the advice of his Privy Councillors in England and on such advice alone - whether or not the King's Privy Councillors in England will, before so advising the King to make peace, wait to hear what Canada or any other Dominion of the King has to say on the subject, is I suppose for the Privy Councillors in England to decide. But certainly it is from them alone that the King will take advice in the matter.

And this much at all events is, as a matter of Constitutional law, abundantly clear, that war with any enemy country, once it has been declared to exist continues till the King's proclamation to all of his subjects everywhere in the world makes known the fact that such war has come to an end.

In my opinion, therefore, the two Statutes of 1917 - chapters 34 and 39 are still in force at the present time and will continue to be in force until, at all events, such proclamation of the King is issued.

Yours faithfully,

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