Allocation of seats in Abbey.

It is unofficially understood that some 8. 200 seats will be available for Canada out of a total of 550 assigned to the Dominions. total seating available in the Abbey is 6,935. Mr. Massey suggested a list including the Prime Minister and Federal Cabinet Ministers, Lieutenant-Governors, Provincial Prime Ministers, representatives of five churches, Chief Justice of Canada and Supreme Court and Exchequer Court Judges, diplomatic representatives, members of Parliament, and a few other categories, including the mayors of eighteen cities. It was tentatively considered by a Cabinet Sub-Committee that it was not desirable to include representatives of churches or of other organizations, but that the mayors of the chief cities might be included. A telegram received on January 14th, giving the categories of guests on the United Kingdom list, indicates that in addition to foreign Royalties, Peers, Diplomatic Corps, Privy Councillors, House of Commons, Navy, Army and Air Forces, Civil Service, Lieutenants and Sheriffs of counties, Mayors, Royal Household, senior Baronets, Deans and Canons of Westminster and St. Paul's, there will be included representatives of the Church of Scotland and other religious bodies, judges, universities, the Royal and other Societies, trade unions, co-operative societies. Through the Secretary of State of Canada, the Provinces have all been advised that places will be reserved for the Lieutenant-Governor and Prime Minister, or other representative of the Provincial Government, (with their wives) of each Province. An early decision

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