

And each of the High Contracting Parties shall notify the International Labour Office the action taken in respect of each of such colonies, protectorates and possessions.

If these changes were made the protocol to Article 7, which provides for the constitution of the Governing Body, should be amended by striking out the words "No High Contracting Party together with its Dominions and Colonies, whether self-governing or not, shall be entitled to nominate more than one member".

It is probably not a question of special importance whether Canada or Australia or the other Dominions should have representatives on the Governing Body or not, and under the proposed Constitution of the Labour Organization it is not likely that for a great many years, if ever, they would be selected; but it is important that they should at least have the right in common with the other members to nominate a representative for the consideration of the Conference. Anything that hints at inequality in connection with an international body would immensely detract from the likelihood of its acceptance.

In regard to the clauses proposed for insertion in the Treaty of Peace, Article 8 conflicts with customs and laws in various Dominions of the British Empire and raises a question which the people of some localities consider of extreme importance.

MEMO. The original of this was handed by me to Mr. Lloyd George, April 3, 1919.

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95. *Le Conseiller britannique au Premier ministre*

Dear Sir Robert,

Paris, April 2, 1919

Smuts, as you know, has gone and I should be very grateful if you could see your way to take his place in the League of Nations Section. It is quite true that there is very little left to be done except only—and this is a big exception—the very tiresome question of the Japanese. As to this I cannot help regretting the completely *non possumus* attitude assumed by Hughes. It would be refreshing if that statesman could for once make a constructive suggestion, instead of devoting his great abilities exclusively to destroying every proposal made by others. But it is no use my making any representations to him on the subject, because he regards me as a fanatic or worse. If you think you could in any way help matters I should be very grateful to you. Unless something is done I am afraid that the Japanese will make a