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Umpire—Professor Nansen;
 British National delegate—Viscount Bryce;
 or in the alternative in cases concerning Canada—Sir Charles
 Fitzpatrick;
 Australia—the High Commissioner;
 Newfoundland—Sir Robert Stout;
 South Africa—Mr. W. P. Schreiner;
 British non-National delegate—Monsieur Millerand;
 United States National delegate—Judge Grey;
 United States non-National delegate—Senhor DaGama.

2. Pollution of boundary waters. In this matter, carrying out a duty committed to it by the Canadian and United States Governments, the International Joint Commission prepared and submitted the draft of a Convention intended to confer upon that body authority to remedy the existing conditions of pollution in the boundary waters so that the policy laid down in Article 4, Boundary Waters Treaty, might be effectually enforced. This draft is now under consideration.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST INDIES

With the object of improving trade relations and communications between the Dominion and the British West Indian Colonies, at the suggestion of the Canadian Government, a Conference was assembled at Ottawa in May-June, 1920. Representatives of Canada, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Trinidad, and Windward Islands took part in the deliberations, as a result of which an agreement was signed at Ottawa on the 18th June providing for preferential tariff treatment for Canadian goods entering any of these Colonies. Arrangements were also agreed upon in regard to the establishment of the steamship service between Canada and the eastern group and between Canada and the western group of the West Indian Colonies concerned. The agreement was subject to the approval of the Parliament of Canada, of the Legislature of each of the West Indian Colonies, and of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Such approval having been given by the Canadian Parliament, the Legislatures of certain of the West Indian Colonies, and the Colonial Secretary, the agreement was brought into operation as regards the approving Colonies on the 10th May, 1921.

PASSPORTS

The work of the Passport Office shows no diminution and judging from the widespread adoption and enforcement of a passport system by Governments everywhere, it may be accepted that the increased business has reached a stage of permanency. The number of passports issued during the past year was 30,641, the revenue received in this connection being \$62,954.79.

I record with pleasure my appreciation of the zealous and efficient way in which the duties of the various members of the staff have been discharged.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH POPE,

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, May 31, 1921.