

The first meeting of the Joint Board was held in Ottawa on August 26, and the second meeting in Washington, D.C., on September 9.

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3. SIGNING OF TREATIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND, AMENDING THE TREATY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1914

Treaties between the United States and Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, respectively, amending in their application to each of those countries the provisions which concern the organization of Commissions for the settlement of disputes contained in the Treaty for the Advancement of Peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Washington, September 15, 1914, were signed at Washington on September 6, 1940, at noon, by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Loring Christie, Minister of Canada at Washington, the Right Honourable Richard Gardiner Casey, Minister of Australia at Washington, and the Right Honourable the Marquess of Lothian, British Ambassador at Washington, for New Zealand, respectively.

The duties of the Commissions under the treaties with Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as under the treaty of 1914 with Great Britain, are to make investigations and reports to the Governments with reference to disputes arising between them.

4. TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This Trade Agreement was signed at Ciudad Trujillo on March 8, 1940, Mr. A. S. Paterson, the British Minister signing on behalf of the Government of Canada. Mr. C. S. Bissett, the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Havana, was associated with Mr. Paterson in the negotiations which led up to the conclusion of this trade agreement, having acted in the capacity of adviser.

The Agreement has been approved by Parliament, and under Order in Council P.C. 3856 of the 13th of August, the Secretary of State for External Affairs has been authorized to execute a ratification of the Agreement on behalf of the Government of Canada, and to provide for an exchange of ratifications with the Government of the Dominican Republic.