

similar agreement. Australia and New Zealand have signified their willingness. Canada and South Africa have reserved answer. The explanation is that French Prime Minister has had a terrific fight against Foch and military party in France, who desire insertion of a provision in treaty that France should occupy German Bank of Rhine during indeterminate period. French Government has little confidence in League of Nations and requires this specific agreement for protection against German aggression which crushed her in eighteen seventy and would have repeated the process more thoroughly in nineteen fourteen except for British and eventually American aid. Without such an agreement French Prime Minister will find himself helpless against the military party. It is urged that engagement carries us no farther than our undertaking under League of Nations, but French Government believe that France would be crushed while League of Nations is getting under way in case of a sudden German attack. Please telegraph your views immediately as situation here is very critical.

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133. *Mémorandum du Premier ministre au premier ministre  
du Royaume-Uni*

Paris, May 6, 1919

1. The accompanying letters dated respectively April 29th and May 2nd, are again brought to the attention of Mr. Lloyd George, as the subject is to be discussed today at the Conference of the First Delegates.

2. Since the letter of 2nd May was written I find that Mr. Hurst's opinion on the subject is not as strong as I was led to believe. I therefore make the following proposals as to amendments which are of vital importance from the standpoint of Canada.

3. *League of Nations*. In order to set all doubt at rest, it is necessary to amend Article 4;

(a) by striking out the words "British Empire" in the second line thereof and by substituting therefor the words "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland";

(b) by inserting the words "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland" immediately after the words "The British Empire" in the annex to the Covenant.

4. *Labour Convention*. For the same reason it is of vital importance to Canada that Article 7 shall be amended as follows:

(1) Strike out the words "States" where it occurs immediately after the word "eight" in the twenty-third line and substitute the word "Members".

(2) Strike out in lines twenty-four to twenty-seven, the following sentence:—"No Member together with its Dominions and Colonies, whether self-governing or not, shall be entitled to nominate more than one Member", and substitute therefor the following: "No Member together with its Colonies shall be entitled to nominate more than one Member".