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MODIFICATION OF U. S. TREATY

Mackenzie King Proposes a
New Agreement

To Perpetuate Ideals—Rush-
Bagot Principles Would
Dominate Permanent Under-
standing.

(Special to the Montreal Gazette.)
Washington, July 12.—Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian premier, and Hon. G. P. Graham, the Canadian minister of national defence, called at the state department today and at a conference with Secretary of State Hughes today, to modernize the Rush-Bagot agreement and embody the ideals of its framers into a new and formal treaty between Canada and the United States respecting the limitation of armaments on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

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each carrying not more than one ten-pound gun. The idea of the Canadian premier, as submitted to Secretary Hughes today, is to modernize the Rush-Bagot agreement and embody the ideals of its framers into a new and formal treaty between Canada and the United States respecting the limitation of armaments on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

"We feel," said Premier King to a representative of The Gazette, "that if the American government has the same view with respect to effecting economies, and at the same time further the efficiency of defence, the ideals of the Rush-Bagot treaty can be perpetuated into a new permanent treaty that will be a landmark in the direction of limitation of armaments. We feel that here is an opportunity for Canada and America to give a lesson in international good will and friendly dealings."

The Canadian statesman found Secretary Hughes highly sympathetic and interested, and it is their expectation that the proposal submitted today will result in negotiations for the formulation of a new treaty between Canada and the United States, limiting armaments along the lakes and the border to practically nil. Details of the proposed treaty will be left to such negotiations. Only the general purpose and spirit of the proposal were suggested in today's conference at the state department. The visit of the Canadian premier and minister of defence will likewise serve to cement the traditional friendship of the two countries in other ways, by paving the way for the settlement of other pending matters between them, and bringing the Canadian premier and Mr. Graham into closer personal contact with high American government officials.

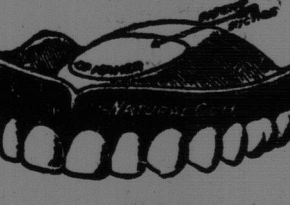
Mr. King and Mr. Graham were received at the White House by President Harding this afternoon. Secretary Hughes presented them to the president, to whom the purpose of their mission was disclosed. Their call at the White House followed a luncheon given in their honor by Secretary Hughes at the Metropolitan Club, when they had an opportunity to meet Secretaries Mellon, Weeks, Hoover and Wallace, Senator Lodge, Representative Porter of the house foreign affairs committee, Henry Getty Chilton, charge d'affaires of the British embassy, Under-Secretary of State Phillips and Third Assistant Secretary of State Bliss. Early this evening Senators Lenroot and Kellogg called on the Canadian premier and Mr. Graham at the Hotel Shoreham, where they will remain until Friday, before returning to Canada. They will meet other senators and members of congress and other officials of the administration.

Several Questions.
Since the new Liberal administration assumed office in Canada at the commencement of the present year, several matters affecting the relations of the two countries have attracted attention. Some of these have been dealt with by correspondence. With regard to others, it was felt that, in the long run, more satisfactory progress would be made if an opportunity were offered for personal conversation between members of the two governments. It is understood that at this morning's interview some of these were touched upon. In particular, mention was made of measures for the protection and conservation of the fisheries of British Columbia and of Eastern Canada in international waters and beyond the three-mile limit. These matters have been much discussed in the past, but thus far no final settlement has been reached.

The possible final settlement by treaty of other matters respecting boundary waters, which have been the subject of investigation and report by the International Joint Commission, were also dealt within a conference with Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Though not the subject of formal discussion, it is understood that the St. Lawrence waterways project was mentioned.

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tioned in the conference. The position taken by the Canadian ministers was that as stated by the Canadian prime minister in the House of Commons some weeks ago, an attitude neither of acceptance nor rejection of the project, but of postponement of its consideration.

Having regard to the magnitude of the expenditures involved and other far-reaching considerations," said Premier King, "the present does not appear to be the Canadian government an opportune moment in which to contemplate treaty negotiations on this subject between the two countries."

Statement by Premier.

At a recent conference on disarmament, no single aspect of international relations attracted more attention than the unfortified frontier of from three to four thousand miles between the United States and Canada, and over again reference was made to the so-called Rush-Bagot agreement of 1817, under which armament on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River was restricted to four vessels of one hundred tons burden, each carrying not more than one ten pound gun.

"The significance of this agreement, providing as it has a means of escape from competitive armament, was dwelt upon not less from the point of view of what it has meant for more than a century in the saving of expenditure on armament by each of the two countries, than from what it has meant in the maintenance of friendship and good will between the peoples of the respective countries, and as an object lesson to the continents of Europe and Asia, and of the new world methods in the maintenance of international peace.

"World disarmament having made the important strides it has, a consequence of the recent Washington conference and the leadership given the movement by Secretary Hughes, the present has seemed to the Canadian government an opportune moment in which to approach the government of the United States with a view of perpetuating the ideals which the Rush-Bagot agreement embodied in their embodiment in a formal treaty between the two countries, respecting the limitation of armaments on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

"It was with the object of discussing this important subject in all its bearings with Mr. Hughes that we called at the state department this morning. We are well pleased with the sympathetic manner in which our representations were received by Secretary Hughes. It is understood that negotiations having been opened in this informal manner they will be proceeded with by correspondence in the hope of the consummation of a formal treaty at an early date.

"It might perhaps be remarked that the Canadian government has recently consolidated its several branches of defence—militia, naval and air forces in one department of national defence of which Hon. G. P. Graham is the head. The effort of the Canadian ministers to secure a permanent understanding with respect to armament upon the Great Lakes may be regarded as a part of the policy of the present administration to effect lasting economies in these branches of the public service. The Rush-Bagot agreement stands at the present time, but it is subject to cancellation by six months' notice on the part of either of the parties. It therefore lacks that element of certainty and permanency which is so important with respect to matters pertaining to defence.

Caused Surprise.
That the primary topic discussed with the American officials by Mr. King and Mr. Graham was the modification of the Rush-Bagot agreement occasioned some surprise in official quarters here tonight. The pact has successfully operated to limit naval armament on the lakes during the past hundred and five years. There had been no suggestion formally from the American administration that modification was considered necessary. In view of the precedents established by the Washington conference on the limitation of armaments, the Canadian authorities believe modification advisable.

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In India no woman had a vote, the speaker said, but in Burma under the proposed constitution there would be no sex disqualification, the reason being that Burmese women were for more advanced than their Indian sisters. All the heads of Burmese households would be virtually enfranchised. The total electorate, urban and rural would be 8,000,000, of whom 200,000 would be women. The principle that there should be no taxation without representation would be conceded to Burma without a struggle.

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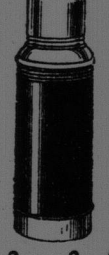
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