

posited by Bulgaria and by three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers and when the Treaty comes into force a state of peace is established between the Allied and Associated Powers which have ratified the Treaty and Bulgaria. It will come into force with respect to each of the other nations party to the Treaty upon the date upon which they deposit their respective ratifications. Within the last ten days we have received information from the British Government that they desired that the Bulgarian Treaty should be ratified. We advised them that it had been approved by the House of Commons and we expected approval by the Senate this week, and that so soon as such approval was given Canada would consent to ratification. That consent was given to-day by the passing of an Order in Council requesting His Majesty to approve and ratify the Treaty in respect of the Dominion of Canada.

We became at peace with Germany on the 10th of January last when the ratifications of the Treaty of Peace were deposited at Paris by Germany and by three of the principal Allied Powers—in fact ratifications were deposited by eight or ten Powers—so that the condition upon which the Treaty was to go into effect was complied with on that date.

The Treaty of Peace with Austria has not yet been ratified, so far as we have been advised, and therefore is not yet in force. It has been approved, I believe, by all portions of the British Empire, but three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers have not so far ratified the Treaty.

My hon. friend referred to Turkey. The Treaty of Peace with that country has not yet been finally settled. As a matter of fact the Treaty has not yet been submitted to the Turkish plenipotentiaries. I believe it is anticipated that it will be submitted at a very early date.

Mr. FIELDING: Another Treaty was at one time submitted to this House, the Treaty between Great Britain, France and the United States, for the protection of France against a possible attack by Germany. Are we parties to that Treaty in any way?

Mr. ROWELL: No, it does not apply to us unless we give our express assent thereto, and Canada has not so far given her assent.

Mr. FIELDING: Why should we not be asked to give our assent to that Treaty?

Mr. ROWELL: That Treaty does not go into effect unless it is approved also by the United States. The United States has not so far approved it, and it will be time enough for us to take action when it appears that there is some prospect of the Treaty going into effect.

Mr. FIELDING: We must wait for guidance from Washington?

Mr. ROWELL: No, not at all. The condition has not arisen upon which that Treaty is to go into effect. It is therefore not necessary for us to decide on the action we should take until that condition is complied with.

Mr. FIELDING: A good many years ago a very distinguished public man in this country was called "Look-to-Washington McDougall." We shall have to describe another public man as looking to Washington.

Mr. ROWELL: My hon. friend is sensitive and touchy about all these Treaty matters and takes advantage of every favourable opportunity so to express himself. But this Government cannot be accused of not properly looking after Canada's interests. I am sure that even my hon. friend will admit that.

Mr. PARENT: How many other Treaties are we expected to ratify?

Mr. ROWELL: Does my hon. friend refer to approval of Treaties by the House?

Mr. PARENT: Yes.

Mr. ROWELL: The Government have indicated that it is their policy to submit to the House for approval of all the Treaties of Peace with enemy powers. If the House is in session, that certainly will be done. To illustrate, should the House prorogue before the Treaty of Peace with Turkey is concluded, the Government would have to decide whether they would be justified in withholding approval pending another session of Parliament, or whether in view of the fact that the other Treaties had been approved by the House they should take the responsibility of approving without consulting Parliament. But that condition has not arisen; I hope that it will not arise. We may have the Turkish Treaty before us this session. There will be a Treaty of Peace with Hungary, when it is finally signed and available for submission.

At six o'clock the Committee took recess.