

1925, 41 years earlier, that is, the Canada West Indies Trade Agreement, and there had been no gathering of this generality in the intervening 41 years.

The first substantive item on the agenda, the one which occupied more time than anything else, was the question of trade. Indeed, the only substantive committee that the conference formed was a committee on trade, which was embodied before lunch on the first day and began its meetings that afternoon. During that afternoon and throughout the following day they did their work faithfully and well.

I should not make remarks like this about committees that are presided over and participated in by members of the Cabinet, but nevertheless it was a well-run committee conducted by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and with the participation of the Minister of Finance and a number of West Indian ministers.

The West Indian point of view was presented by agreement in a very clear exposition by the Minister of Trade and Industry for Jamaica, Mr. Robert C. Lightbourne. I do not know, Mr. Chairman, whether it would be of interest to the committee to have this statement of Mr. Lightbourne's. It does sum up the West Indian position at the outset and describes their hopes and aspirations. It is a fairly extensive document. I was thinking that the committee might wish to have it as an exhibit.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. As a matter of fact, I was going to propose before we adjourn that we get permission from the committee to have the final communiqué printed as an annex to the proceedings of this meeting, and perhaps also Mr. Lightbourne's report. I would suggest that if anyone would like to ask questions from now on as to any subject matter of particular interest, that would be in order. Will you, therefore, Mr. Campbell, continue, and when questions arise I am sure you will be able to deal with them.

Mr. CAMPBELL: I would hesitate to attempt to sum up Mr. Lightbourne's summing up, but the document is here if it is thought desirable to have it.

Senator O'LEARY (*Carleton*): Mr. Chairman, could we have a copy of this report printed in our proceedings so that we could have it before us.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. I was going to suggest that before we adjourned.

Mr. CAMPBELL: If I may say so, Senator O'Leary, the final communiqué not only has the usual paragraphs covering each subject that was discussed, it has as an annex the report of the trade committee which is a three-page document summing up the course of the discussion or the main points as they were exchanged in the trade committee. Then, annexed to the annex, is a protocol on trade questions which affirms or reaffirms, and partially amends, the existing Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement.

Senator GOUIN: If I understand correctly, Mr. Chairman, both those documents will be printed in our proceedings?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will have the committee's sanction for that. The final communiqué will be printed as well as the documents.

Mr. CAMPBELL: This is really part of the final communiqué.

Senator BROOKS: Mr. Chairman, am I to understand that at a later date there will be published a full report of this particular conference which was held?

Mr. CAMPBELL: I would be inclined to think, sir, that the communiqué, since it is quite a substantial document, would serve this purpose reasonably well. There is, first of all, the five-page communiqué; there is a three-page report of the trade committee; there is a three-page agreement or protocol on trade questions; and there is a statement on sugar, which of course is the principal preoccupation of most if not all West Indian territories. In addition, there are two memoranda of understanding that were also signed at the