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## CANADA'S DECISION AWAITED IN LONDON

Nobody There Knows Her  
Attitude Towards Al-  
lied Parleys.

### HER PRIDE INVOLVED

Ambitions of Dominion  
Found Bit of Nuisance to  
Labor Government.

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London, July 15.—Will Canada participate in the London Conference on the Dawes report. Nobody in London knows. At a late hour this evening the position was, that while South Africa had stated that she would not, in view of the change of Government, take any part in the meeting, Australia and New Zealand had intimated their willingness to be represented in a nominal way by their High Commissioners, but Canada had yet to consent.

Canada promises, in fact, to be a stumbling block to Britain's proposals for Dominion representation and her decision was awaited this afternoon with some anxiety. Circumstances and the recent attitude of her statesmen have put her in the position where her pride is involved in the matter of direct representation. She was a signatory to the treaty of Versailles, and this is a conference, whatever France may like to believe, that must profoundly modify that treaty. She is entitled to 4.16 of the reparations total and this is a conference to determine how or whether the reparations are to be obtained. She only a few weeks ago made her views regarding representation very clearly known, apropos of the treaty of Lausanne.

Canada, however, has not been invited to participate in to-morrow's conference. The reason is the same as that given for a similar failure in connection with the Lausanne conference—the fear of offending French susceptibilities. That is why there will be eleven British delegates and no Canadian one.

The war is over and Dominion ambitions are being found a bit of a nuisance. Australia and New Zealand are willing to fall in with British desires. Canada so far has given no evidence of doing so. If she takes any part in the conference, however nominal, she will virtually have to accept the responsibility for carrying out its findings. Her alternative is to take no part and accept no responsibility.

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