

the difficulties which faced the Canadian Institute because of the recommendation of the preparatory committee that each national delegation was to consist of not more than five members. In the selection of the Canadian delegation regard would have to be paid to keeping the balance between the political parties, the two great races, and the geographical sections. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Mr. Rowell should write letters to Sir Campbell Stuart, and to Mr. Macadam, embodying the views of the committee on the selection confronting the Canadian Institute and the alternative suggestions which had been offered. It was moved by Mr. Massey, seconded by Colonel MacInnes and Mr. Burchell, that the Council request Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Dafoe and Mr. Rowell, to be delegates to the Conference. This was agreed to unanimously. The making of the other nominations was left over until the January meeting of the Council.

(8) Proposed Handbook on Discussions of Policy: Mr. Rowell brought forward the suggestion made by Mr. Palmer that the London Secretariat for the Commonwealth Conference should edit a handbook for the Conference which would give the major discussions in the Parliaments of the Commonwealth on questions of foreign policy. This, Mr. Palmer thought, might provide a factual background for Conference discussion similar to that given by the survey of the existing system of communication between the members of the Commonwealth. He, himself, felt, however, that not only was there a possibility that such a handbook might divert the attention of the Conference from questions of machinery to questions of policy, but, that it would also be a difficult document to prepare as the editor would have to answer three perplexing questions: (a) How far back was the survey to go; (b) How far it was to embody expressions of opposition as well as of Government policy; and (c) What questions of policy were to be included. A discussion followed in which Mr. Tarr expressed his opinion that the effect of such a handbook might be to direct the view of the Conference backward rather than forward. It was decided that having regard to the view of the Council on the important questions which the Conference should consider, the Council did not feel that such a handbook would be particularly valuable in Conference preparation, though it might constitute a useful contribution to the history of the Commonwealth.

(9) Reporting the Conference: It was agreed that a short-hand report of the Conference was neither necessary nor desirable, as the members were likely to speak with greater freedom if no stenographic report were made.

(10) Expenses of Conference: It was agreed that all expenses incidental to the actual holding of the Conference in Toronto should be borne by the Canadian Institute.