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As provided in the peace treaty with Germany, notice was given the German Government on the 25th June, 1920, reviving the following bilateral treaties with that Power in which Canada is interested:—

1. Treaty for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals, 14th May, 1872.
2. Parcel Post Agreement signed, London, 3rd November, Berlin, 14th November, 1894, as subsequently modified 24th January and 6th February, 1920.
3. Money Orders Agreement signed, London, 9th January, 1907, Berlin, 8th February, 1908, with modifications subsequently effected or made necessary by the termination of the Treaty of Versailles.

In like manner, in accordance with Article 241 of the Treaty with Austria, notice was given to the Austrian Government on the 22nd September, 1920, reviving as from that date the extradition treaty between Great Britain and Austria of the 3rd December, 1873, with the amending Declaration of the 26th June, 1901.

OTHER TREATIES

With Canada's concurrence a Convention was signed at London on the 1st June, 1920, renewing the Arbitration Convention between His Majesty and the Queen of The Netherlands of the 15th February, 1905, for a further period of five years dating from the 12th July, 1920.

The treaty between His Majesty and Brazil of the 4th April, 1919, providing for the establishment of a Peace Commission was ratified the 11th March, 1921.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE

Advantage was taken of the presence in Europe as one of the delegates to the League of Nations Assembly, of Sir George Foster for the negotiation of a trade agreement to serve as a *modus vivendi* pending the conclusion of a new commercial treaty with France. It was signed at Paris on the 29th January, 1921, and having been approved by the Canadian Parliament was brought into force as from the 3rd May, 1921. In return for most-favoured nation treatment accorded by Canada to French products in respect of tariff, exportation, transit, and internal taxes, France agreed to give the benefits of her minimum tariff or a percentage rebate from the general tariff to a list of enumerated Canadian products.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY

The first meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations to be held at Geneva on the 15th November, 1920, was summoned by the President of the United States in fulfilment of the duty entrusted to him by the Covenant of the League. Canada was represented at this meeting by the Right Honourable Sir George Foster, the Right Honourable C. J. Doherty, and the Honourable N. W. Rowell. The following six additional States were admitted to the League: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland, and Luxemburg. Amongst subjects discussed were the measures to combat the menace of typhus in Europe, and for the prevention of traffic in opium, and the traffic in women and children. The question of help for children who had suffered by the war was also considered.

A statute was adopted establishing a Permanent Court of Justice for the decision of disputes by the members of the League, and a protocol accepting this statute was signed by the representatives of the participating states.