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INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION

Minutes of Eleventh Session; 23rd Feb/09.

The President took the Chair at 10-30 A.M.

After the Chief Commissioner of the British Delegation had read replies (distributed separately) to questions asked by the American and Chinese Delegations during the last sitting, Dr. Rössler moved that the resolution to be submitted to the Commission should first be discussed by a Committee, in order that unnecessary debate might be avoided. The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith thought that the resolution should go to a Committee after, and not before, they had been submitted to the Commission. This view was also expressed by the Chief Commissioner for France.

On Dr. Rössler's proposition being put to the House it was lost by 6 votes to 5.

The Chair then announced that Resolutions would be taken in alphabetical order, i.e., in the order of the various Delegations as given on the official list.

Dr. Hamilton Wright rose to present the American Resoltuions. His full statement and remarks will be embodied in the printed Minutes. H.E. Monsieur Miyaoka enquired of the Chair if each Delegation would be at liberty to introduce any resolution at any time during the proceedings until the final vote on all the Resolutions was taken. The President said that it was for the House to decide whether it was preferable to take up the individual resolutions which had already been presented, or to receive others that might be in hand, and to discuss them all seriatim. He understood that the Chinese and Netherlands Delegations were prepared to present resolutions to the House. Mr T'ang Kuo-an stated that the Chinese Resolutions were not quite ready for distribution. The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith suggested that the House should proceed to consider the Resolutions presented by the American Delegation, and his proposal was accepted.

Dr. Hamilton Wright, having moved the adoption of the first American Resolution, the Chief Commissioner of the British Delegation addressed the House, (His remarks will be printed verbatim

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