

Governing Body as the Delegates of any other State. There was nothing in the constitution which prevented the election of a Dominion Delegate on the Governing Body.

(The British Empire Delegation accepted the explanation of Mr. Barnes.)

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100. *Le Premier ministre au Premier ministre par intérim*

TELEGRAM

Paris, April 9, 1919

(Circulated for the information of the Dominion Prime Ministers.)

The treaties concluded at the Peace Conference will be signed in respect of Canada by Canadian plenipotentiaries. Under international practice their Full Powers are issued by the King but such issuance should be based upon formal action by Canadian Government authorizing it. Order in Council should therefore be passed at once and cabled as well as mailed to Colonial Secretary. In order to provide for any eventuality, such as return of one or more of us before signature takes place, Full Powers should be issued to each Minister here. Order in Council should be in following terms which have been drawn up in conformity with terms of Full Powers usually issued.<sup>1</sup> Begins. Whereas in connection with the Peace Congress it is expedient to invest fit persons with full powers to treat on the part of His Majesty the King, in respect of the Dominion of Canada, with persons similarly empowered on the part of other States;

Therefore His Excellency the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, is pleased to order and doth hereby order that His Majesty the King be humbly moved to issue Letters Patent to each of the following named persons:

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., M.P., Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada

The Right Honourable Sir George Eulas Foster, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce of the Dominion of Canada

The Honourable Arthur Lewis Sifton, K.C., M.P., Minister of Customs of the Dominion of Canada

The Honourable Charles Joseph Doherty, K.C., M.P., Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada

naming and appointing him as Commissioner and Plenipotentiary in respect of the Dominion of Canada with Full Power and Authority, as from the first day of January nineteen hundred and nineteen, to conclude with such Plenipotentiaries as may be vested with similar Power and Authority on the part of any Powers or States any Treaties, Conventions, or Agreements in con-

<sup>1</sup> Le commentaire du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures sur le projet de décret-loi est le suivant: «I do not consider that this advice to His Majesty should be couched in this Mandatory form. A sample Minute would be better. However the Prime Minister's cable left no room for any discretion in the matter. J. POPE»