

THE TREATY OF PEACE.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I beg to give notice of the following resolutions:

1. That it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the Treaty of Peace and the Protocol annexed thereto, which was signed at Versailles on the 28th day of June, 1919, a copy of which has been laid before Parliament, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty, acting for Canada, by the plenipotentiaries therein named, and that this House do approve of the same.

2. That it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the Treaty of Peace between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, and Poland, which was signed at Versailles on the 28th day of June, 1919, a copy of which has been laid before Parliament, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty, acting for Canada, by the plenipotentiaries therein named, and that this House do approve of the same.

3. That it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the agreement between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire and France, and Germany, with respect to the military occupation of the territories of the Rhine, signed at Versailles on the 28th day of June, 1919, a copy of which has been laid before Parliament, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty, acting for Canada, by the plenipotentiaries therein named, and that this House do approve of the same.

I give notice of these motions at the present moment on account of the desire of the French Government that the Treaty be ratified as soon as possible, and I may possibly take advantage of the notices which I have given, if the discussion on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne should occupy an unusual length of time. Should the Address be disposed of to-morrow, the resolutions regarding the Peace Treaty would of course follow.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Will action be taken in the form of a resolution or of a Bill?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I omitted to say that, with a view of securing action by Parliament as quickly as possible, the resolutions will precede a Bill. It is desirable to have an expression of the Parliament of Canada upon the subject by way of resolution, owing to the delay which might occur in discussing a Bill; but the Bill, which will be introduced at the earliest possible moment, will be along the same lines as the resolutions.

I beg to lay upon the Table the following papers relating to the Peace Treaty:

1. Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.

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2. Protocol supplementary to the Treaty of Peace, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.

3. Agreement between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire and France, and Germany, with regard to the military occupation of the territories of the Rhine, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.

4. Declaration by the Governments of the United States of America, Great Britain and France with regard to the occupation of the Rhine provinces, June 16, 1919.

5. Reply of the Allied and Associated Powers to the observations of the German delegation on the conditions of peace, June 16, 1919.

6. Treaty of Peace between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, and Poland, signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919.

I may say, honourable gentlemen, that the papers respecting the Peace Treaty have arrived only within the last couple of days. They are being distributed, and it has been arranged that each honourable gentleman will receive a copy of the Treaty as received by the Government of Canada. As to the French version, only one copy has been sent from France, but we are now endeavouring to get an equal number of French copies for distribution.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: When may we expect to get copies of those documents?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They will be distributed at once.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: The resolutions submitted to the House do not cover the special treaties between Great Britain and the United States and France? As I understand, there is a treaty between France and the United States, and there is a treaty between Great Britain and France—two separate documents.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Apparently they are not included in these resolutions. Why I cannot say at the moment, but when the matter comes before us for consideration to-morrow I shall have the necessary information.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That all the Senators present during the session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the following Senators were appointed a