

preferable if the British Government through the High Commissioner would negotiate with the Mayors' Association, through their President Mayor Lewis of Ottawa and that the British Government make its own arrangements with Canadian municipalities for the enlistment of men from the municipal fire fighting forces of Canada.

(8) The British Government advised that the Right Honourable Malcolm MacDonald was fully instructed in the matter and would discuss it here upon his arrival.

(9) Upon his arrival in Canada he discussed the matter with me and I am sure discussed it with External Affairs and I believe that he discussed it with you.

(10) I was told that the Government here would help in every way in arranging direct contact between the British Government, through him, and the municipalities of Canada.

(11) Pursuant to this policy you wrote to Mayor Stanley Lewis, President of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, and Mr. Lewis had a discussion thereafter with Mr. MacDonald and you had a discussion both with Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lewis.

(12) Mr. Lewis points out the following facts which indicate the practical impossibility of carrying out any plan of municipal organization. He indicates that the following factors make it impossible:

(a) Provincial legislation, under which Canadian municipalities are set up, is not sufficiently broad to enable the municipality to pay firemen in Britain either part or all of their remuneration. It was proposed that once the men reached Britain they would be paid on the basis of the ordinary fireman there. The standard of salary is higher in Canada than in