

waters but that subject to that principle convention is now so drawn as to impose fewest possible restrictions on freedom of international aerial communication.

His Majesty's Government would be glad to know as soon as possible whether Dominion Governments concur generally in principles of draft convention. Air Council propose to discuss matter with Dominion Ministers in this country in connection with Peace Conference. Please telegraph reply. Similar telegram sent to other self-governing Dominions.

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*4. Prime Minister to Governor General*

Sir,

London, December 2, 1918

The British Ministers have been necessarily occupied to a considerable extent in election activities and thus the time otherwise available for the discussion of peace terms has been somewhat diminished. However, the French and Italian Prime Ministers are here for a short visit and during their stay we anticipate that important discussions will take place and the necessary decisions will be reached.

We have organized our work in a systematic manner. The British Government has been good enough to furnish offices for us in 2 Whitehall Gardens and we find them very convenient. A meeting of the Canadian Ministers is held every morning at 10:30 and twice each week there is a meeting of all the members of the Canadian delegation. Committees have been appointed to deal with different subjects and our work is progressing favourably. We have found the British Ministers and Committees quite sympathetic in all the proposals which we have put forward. These proposals relate chiefly to trade conditions, the marketing of our products both agricultural and industrial and generally to the share which we are prepared to take in the work of reconstruction.

There was a wonderful reception yesterday to Clemenceau and Foch. The streets were lined with troops behind whom were vast cheering crowds. I have never seen the people of London so demonstrative. After Marshal Foch had entered Claridge's Hotel a great crowd surged around it on every side; and they began to shout in a sort of chant or refrain "We want Foch; We want Foch". After the Marshal had made his appearance two or three times they began another refrain "We want a speech; We want a speech", in response to which he was obliged to make further appearances.

There is a very strong feeling that some punishment should be inflicted upon the ex-Kaiser. The Law Officers of the Crown have made an informal report which is to be followed by a considered opinion. I believe that if any