

## REPORT OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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SIR,—I submit the customary annual review of the principal matters which have engaged the attention of the department during the past year.

### PEACE TREATIES

Progress has continued to be made with the task of completing the peace settlement.

The peace treaty with Austria was duly ratified on the 16th July, that with Bulgaria on the 9th August, 1920; treaties also being concluded with Hungary on the 4th June and with Turkey on the 10th August, 1920.

On the 5th July at Paris a treaty was signed between the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan, and Denmark, transferring to the last-named power, under the provisions of the peace treaty with Germany, a portion of Slesvig. This treaty was ratified by His Majesty on the 15th December, 1920.

At the same time as the treaty with Turkey were signed:

1. A treaty between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers and Poland, Rumania, and the Serb-Croat-Slovene State regarding central European frontiers.
2. A treaty between the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan and Greece regarding minorities.
3. A treaty between the same Powers transferring Thrace to Greece.
4. A treaty between the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan, and Armenia regarding minorities.

A treaty between the British Empire, France, Italy, Japan, and Rumania recognizing Rumania's sovereignty over Bessarabia was signed at Paris on the 18th November, 1920, His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris signing on behalf of Canada.

The Canadian plenipotentiary in the case of these treaties, excepting the Bessarabian treaty with Rumania, was Sir George Perley, the High Commissioner at London.

His Majesty's ratification has also been given to the following treaties:—

1. Treaty between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers and the Serb-Croat-Slovene State regarding minorities, ratified 17th August, 1920.
2. The similar treaty with Rumania, ratified 12th January, 1921.
3. The convention between the British Empire, United States of America, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan, and Portugal, relative to the liquor traffic in Africa, signed at St. Germain, 10th September, 1919, ratified 31st July, 1920.
4. A treaty between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers and Czechoslovakia regarding minorities, ratified 17th August, 1920.
5. The convention revising the General Act of Berlin, 1885, and the General Act and Declaration of Brussels, 1890, ratified 31st July, 1920.