

MR. LAPOINTE: At the last meeting we appointed a sub-committee for the purpose of trying to draft the Report of the Committee from the Sub-Committee—Sir Cecil Hurst, Mr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Skelton—and I am pleased to say that they have agreed upon the form of the report which has been circulated.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: I have had an opportunity of reading the report and am absolutely content with it. I have not a word to say against it.

MR. LAPOINTE: I had better now read the report.
(Draft Report read.)

SIR CECIL HURST: My attention has just been called to words at the end of page 2, "in the case of Governments that prefer." I think it should be "in the case of a Government that prefers."

MR. FITZGERALD: I think it should be "in the case of a Government that prefers."
(Agreed.)

SIR CECIL HURST: In the last paragraph but one on page 4 the suggestion is that, after "the Arms Traffic Conference in 1925," the words should be "and that the Legal Committee of that Conference laid it down that the principle to which the foregoing sentence gives expression underlies all international conventions." On page 6 the word "separate," I think, should go out. It is superfluous.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: That prevents a member of the British Empire being counted. I should have thought it would keep in the word "separate."

SIR CECIL HURST: I think it would be better if we had at the head "coming into force of multilateral treaties."

SIR FRANCIS BELL: Whatever you think is best—I only want you to consider the point.

SIR CECIL HURST: It seemed to me to be rather an odd word.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: In the last paragraph it should read "to the Secretariat at the League."

SIR CECIL HURST: The Secretariat are the servants of the League. If anything is going to be published we should not communicate only with the Secretariat.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: "The other members," then, it would be.

MR. LAPOINTE: I will read the Appendix:—

"Specimen form of Treaty.

"The President of the United States of America, His Majesty the King of the Belgians, His Majesty the King of (. . . whatever title may be decided on with the concurrence of the Imperial Conference), Emperor of India, His Majesty the King of Bulgaria, &c., &c.

"Desiring"

"Have resolved to conclude a treaty for that purpose and to that end have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

"The President"

"His Majesty the King of (title as above): for Great Britain and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate Members of the League (of Nations)."

SIR CECIL HURST: The words "and Northern Ireland" should be inserted in that paragraph after the words "Great Britain."

MR. FITZGERALD: That is a definite title now? The unit is now Great Britain and Northern Ireland?

SIR CECIL HURST: "Great Britain and Northern Ireland and all parts of the British Empire which are not separate members of the League." That is not the King's title.

MR. FITZGERALD: If you say "Great Britain and all parts of the Empire not separately represented in the League" it includes Northern Ireland.

SIR CECIL HURST: It is one of those things which still make political difficulty.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: Northern Ireland is not in the present title of the King.

SIR CECIL HURST: That is not the title.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: I understand that.

MR. LAPOINTE:—

" for the Dominion of Canada,	AB.
	CD.
for the Commonwealth of Australia,	EF.
for the Dominion of New Zealand,	GH.
for the Union of South Africa,	IJ.
for the Irish Free State,	KL.
for India,	MN.

who, having communicated their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:—

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty.

AB
CD
EF
GH
IJ
KL
MN

[or if the territory for which each Plenipotentiary signs is to be specified:—

(for Great Britain, &c.)	AB.
(for Canada)	CD.
(for Australia)	EF.
(for New Zealand)	GH.
(for South Africa)	IJ.
(for the Irish Free State)	KL.
(for India)	MN.]

I am like Sir Francis in that it entirely satisfies me.

SIR FRANCIS BELL: I am entirely satisfied and have nothing to add, except to express what I believe to be the feeling of the whole Conference, that our thanks are due to the Drafting Committee, and especially to the Representatives of Ireland and to Sir Cecil Hurst, for having arrived at so satisfactory a conclusion for our report; and I feel with regard to Sir Cecil Hurst that he has been driven from pillar to post gallantly defending each position as he retired from it, and has met us all in a spirit that is not common with the Foreign Office, if I may be allowed to express my opinion.

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