

reduction by 5,100 chests of Opium of the total Indian export meant that a corresponding reduction of the import of Indian Opium into China would be assured, irrespective of the conditions of demand in China.

Mr Brunyate in reply stated that the Agreement that Great Britain had entered into to reduce the annual export of Opium from India meant exactly what it said, viz:- that Great Britain does agree to reduce exports from India by 5,100 chests annually for the next 10 years. It involved no economic proposition such as suggested by the Hon. Commissioner for China.

Mr T'ang explained that there was some misunderstanding in the minds of the Chinese people, and his Delegation would be obliged if the Delegation for Great Britain would put their reply in writing as his people were under the impression that the present arrangement meant a reduction of 5,100 chests on the total amount of Opium annually imported into China; if they were mistaken they would like to have that impression rectified.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith observed that if any misunderstanding on this point existed amongst the Chinese, surely the correction would more properly emanate from the recognised authorities of the Chinese Empire, and not from his Delegation.

Dr. Hamilton Wright and Dr. Tenney, having put several questions (circulated separately) to the British Delegation with reference to the India report, replies to which will be forthcoming later, the Persian Report came up for discussion.

H.E. Monsieur Miyaoka handed a question (distributed separately) to the Persian Delegate concerning the import of Persian Opium into Formosa.

Mr T'ang Kuo-an here moved the following resolution:-

"That a Committee consisting of five Delegates be appointed to consider the medical aspects of the Opium question including the best methods of curing the Opium habit without recourse to the drug or any of its derivatives."

There was some discussion as to whether this resolution was in order or not, as it appeared to be in a similar form to the one moved by Dr Hamilton Wright during the sixth Session, and negatived.