

man has informed me that the Government of the United Kingdom has taken steps to inquire into the alleged conditions.

Mr. JACOBS: Likewise the United States.

Mr. DOHERTY: Yes, and I have no doubt that if the result of those inquiries should be such as to call for effective action or intervention, if it should be a question of general intervention, the Government of the United Kingdom would communicate the result to us with any suggestion they have to make with regard to action, and I am sure that throughout Canada any action looking to the enforcement of provisions for protection against outrages upon any minority such as, it is alleged, have taken place, would meet with the most sympathetic consideration.

Mr. JACOBS: The Government is probably aware that within the last two or three months there have been held throughout Canada meetings of protest against these outrages, and that the results of these meetings of protest were delivered to the present Government, through the Prime Minister who, I understand, undertook to see that these protests were forwarded to the proper places. The Government must be fully cognizant of what has transpired, and what Canada's obligations as a member of the League of Nations would be under the circumstances.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: I should like to say that the Prime Minister of Poland, M. Paderewski, who congratulated Canada the other day on her Parliamentary institutions, will not have the confidence of the Canadian people, as he in all probability ought to have, if these outrages should continue, and the mere fact of the outrages alleged to have taken place being brought to our attention here to-day will, I hope, be brought to his attention in some way. M. Paderewski has appealed to the democracy of America as one of the main reasons for the establishment of the new state of Poland. Therefore, he must know that if he wishes to enjoy the good opinion of the people of America, including both the United States and Canada, he must live up to the professions that have been made, and there must be the fairest and most just treatment to all races within the State.

Mr. JACOBS: I trust the Prime Minister of Poland, M. Paderewski will find that if he runs up against the League of Nations as a result of this, he will be playing with fire and not with a piano.

Mr. ROWELL: Yesterday the hon. member for Shelburne and Queen's (Mr. Field-

ing) raised a question whether any of the Dominions had summoned their Parliaments in special session just for the purpose of approving these treaties. I was not able yesterday to give definite information. Perhaps while we are in committee on this Treaty, it would be fitting that I should inform the Committee that the information I have just acquired is that one of the last acts of that great soldier and statesman, General Louis Botha, was to summon a special session of the South African Parliament for the purpose of considering these Treaties, as he shared the same views as the Prime Minister of Canada does with reference to the status of the Dominions in their relation to the Mother Country as well as in their relation to the other nations of the world. As regards Australia and New Zealand, in each case the Parliament has been summoned and the Treaties have been submitted for consideration, but I have not definite information whether those were special sessions or regular sessions called at this time.

Mr. McKENZIE: With regard to the points raised by the hon. member for George Etienne Cartier (Mr. Jacobs), this is a most serious situation and one which this great Parliament of ours should very seriously consider. There is no part of the civilized world in which every form of peace and liberty is more appreciated and enjoyed than in this country of Canada. That being the case, our people are highly sensitive to any encroachment upon any of our rights, whether they be civil, social or otherwise. Therefore, I am sure that this Parliament and the Canadian people feel very keenly the encroachment upon the rights of the Jewish people in this newly-revived Kingdom, or Republic if you please, of Poland. It is only a short time ago, on the 28th of June last, that the new Republic of Poland undertook to comply with the terms of this solemn Treaty into which it entered with the other great powers, including ourselves as part of the Great Empire to which we belong. As I read the Treaty, Poland undertook to give to every person within its bounds full civil rights and liberty, as amply and fully as they could be granted by any civilized nation in the world. I am sure that the Canadian delegates to the Conference expect Poland to adhere strictly to the spirit and letter of its obligations, and that every man, woman and child within the borders of that newly constituted republic shall have the freedom and protection set forth in this document. Now I do not think it is a mere matter of rumour that these obligations have been ruthlessly