

Conference January last. Other change is in Section eight, provides that a notice of thirty days shall be given by party wishing to terminate Treaty. We have decided not to proceed with other Treaty owing to possible difficulties in Senate because offences concerning liquor traffic are not included with narcotics, which would also endanger ratification of the Liquor Treaty. As this second Treaty was asked for by the United States Government, and not by ourselves, I do not see any objection to it being postponed. Expect everything ready for signature tomorrow noon, and will wire you immediately after signing. With reference to Halibut Treaty, Mr. Hughes has instructed officers to inquire whether my Powers of last year included power of exchanging ratifications, and if so exchange will be made by me tomorrow. [Ends.]

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Le Gouverneur général à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis
Governor General to Ambassador in United States

DESPATCH 166

Ottawa, November 20, 1924

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No. 412 of the 8th instant, regarding the signature of the proposed treaty between Canada and the United States for the mutual extradition of persons charged with crimes and offences against the laws for the suppression of the traffic in drugs and narcotics, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that it is proposed that the Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice of the Dominion, shall sign the Treaty on behalf of His Majesty the King and that a date convenient for such signature will be shortly suggested by the Canadian Government.

It is desired by my Government that a slight modification should be made in Article 3, paragraph 2, of the draft treaty, providing that "it shall be ratified, and that the ratifications shall be exchanged either at Washington or London as soon as possible". As the Treaty is one which relates only to Canada and the United States, my Government are of the opinion that the clause should read "The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged either at Washington or at Ottawa as soon as possible".

My Government will be grateful if Your Excellency will communicate the information set forth above to the United States Government, and have the goodness to discuss with the Secretary of State the desired modification in the text of the Treaty.

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