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**MINISTER OF DEFENSE
DEFERS SEEING THOMAS**

Canadian May Discuss Matter of Imperial Parley With Colonial Minister.

LONDON, Oct. 6. — (Canadian Press Cable.)—Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Canadian minister of defense, who is in London, after having been in attendance at the League of Nations' assembly at Geneva, has deferred meeting J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, until tomorrow.

The engagement of the Canadian minister to meet the colonial secretary has little apparent connection with the proposal made by Mr. Thomas some time ago that an imperial conference might be held in London this autumn for the discussion of matters of interest to the mother country and the dominions.

The political developments of the last week in Great Britain naturally strengthen the impression that the conference proposed by Mr. Thomas, which met with a generally luke-warm reception by the dominions, cannot now take place.

Senator Dandurand has not yet arrived from Geneva and the latest information as to the Canadian senator's movements is to the effect that he will remain on the continent for three weeks more. He has a variety of engagements in Paris, so he would not be available for any general conference here if one should be held in the immediate future.

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