

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION
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Minutes of the Tenth Session: 22nd February/09.

The Commission assembled at 10-30 A.M.

The Chair announced with regret that the Delegate representing Italy was ill, and unable to attend. He also expressed his regret in that the name of the Secretary of the Persian Delegation had been omitted from the Official list of representatives, but the Secretary would take steps to have this mistake corrected. Mr B. A. Somekh's name will appear in the records of the proceedings.

The Chief Commissioner for the Netherlands presented to the House the information which he had received by telegraph concerning Opium in Holland.

The British and Japanese Delegations read replies to questions received from the American and British Delegations respectively (distributed separately). Mr T'ang Kuo-an, for the Chinese Delegation, also replied to three questions put during the sixth session by the British and French Delegations, (distributed separately). A reply to some questions submitted by the American Delegation was made by the Persian Delegate and the Chinese Delegation asked the British Delegation for certain statistics relative to the number of Opium smokers in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements (questions circulated separately).

Mr T'ang Kuo-an stated that with reference to the last of his questions, his Delegation wished to take that opportunity for expressing their appreciation of the measures taken recently by the Hongkong authorities against the smuggling of Opium into China, which, according to the Commissioner of Customs at Kowloon, had of late years greatly diminished.

Two questions were then handed to the French Delegation by Mr T'ang with reference to the quantity of Opium imported into Kwangchowan.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith expressed his obligations to Mr T'ang for his remarks regarding the action of the Hongkong authorities. According to information in his possession