

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.Minutes of the eighth session.

On taking the Chair at 10-30 A.M. the President announced the names of those Delegates selected to serve on the Committee on Treaties and International Agreements touching the Opium traffic.

Mr Brunyate then notified the House that he had telegraphed to India for the latest procurable figures concerning Morphine, but he did not anticipate that the reply would be of such a nature as to affect the statistics given in the Memorandum already laid on the table.

A report on the Opium question as it concerns Canada was next presented by Mr Mackenzie King, who desired the clemency of the House for the delay occasioned by his tardy arrival.

The Chinese report again came up for discussion, but there were no questions asked.

Monsieur Carnillon, on behalf of the Committee on Revenue Statistics pointed out that a preliminary study of the Reports before them had shown the necessity for the adoption by the various delegations of common units of currency, weights and measures, in order that the Committee's work of preparing an International Summary be facilitated, and he submitted the following proposition:-

1. That measures of superfices^{ci}, quantity and weight shall be expressed in terms of the Metric system.
2. That all monies shall be reduced to English currency at a fixed exchange of 25 francs to the £.
3. That all statistics furnished ^{shall} ~~should~~ cover the years 1903 to 1907, inclusive.

These suggestions met generally with the approval of the Commission, but the Committee was entrusted with the task of making whatever calculations they might involve.

After some remarks by the Chief Delegates for Portugal and Germany on the subject of exchange, the Chair declared a discussion of the British report to be in order.

Mr T'ang Kuo-an asked whether, according to existing Agreements made between the Chinese and British Governments, the annual