

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, one of the difficulties that we had, during the very lengthy period of negotiations in Washington was, of course, that we carried the negotiations on in three different languages. When you get the English translation, to make it complete, in so far as we could, in the Russian and the Japanese, some wordings in the agreement did not come out exactly and precisely the same. Actually, it is for research purposes in both instances.

Mr. CANNON: It is supposed to be for research purposes, but it does not say so.

Mr. BRYCE: Can you tell me, for my own information, whether the Japanese and the Russians have reached the same stage in the processing of the skins as the firm which you mentioned in the United States, and the other firm in London?

Mr. CLARK: Not so far as we are concerned. The furs that have been seen by different people, and that have been processed, for example in Japan, are far inferior to those processed by the Fouke Company, or the Martin Company in London.

Mr. BRYCE: I asked that once before.

Mr. CLARK: They have not got the technique at all.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr. BENNETT: I was just wondering whether any of the nations signing the treaty have as yet ratified it, or are we the first ones to get to the stage of final ratification.

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, if I may answer: about two weeks ago in Japan—I was there three weeks ago on another matter—the treaty was up before the Japanese Diet for ratification. As I have not heard anything to the contrary, I presume it went through. We have heard no word from the U.S.S.R. but apparently they do not have to go through the same procedures as we do. In Washington they can do it within twenty-four hours, so there is no problem there.

Mr. ROBICHAUD: We can soon find out.

Mr. CLARK: The treaty is before the United States Congress for ratification now.

Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I report the bill without amendment?

Some Hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.