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On February 10th last the Canadian Ambassador to France, Major General Vanier, on behalf of the Canadian Government, signed, in Paris, Peace Treaties with Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland. On the same day the Secretary of State for External Affairs made a statement on the work of the Paris Conference, and tabled the texts of the Treaties in this House. The statement was supplemented by a report on the proceedings of the Conference, prepared by the Minister of National Defence. The report was printed as an annex to the Votes and Proceedings of that date. Copies of the Peace Treaties were subsequently distributed to all members of Parliament.

The main purpose of these Treaties is to bring to an end formally the state of war existing between Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland on the one hand, and the Allied and Associated Powers on the other. The settlements will dispose of many important issues of a political, economic or military character outstanding between the governments of these enemy states and the Allies as a result of the war. The formal termination of the state of war which exists between ourselves and