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Report of discussion between Montreal Branch Committee
and Mr. Ivison Macadam, Secretary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, held at the University Club at 1.00 P.M.
on Wednesday, 20th April, 1932.

1. Development of Research Work at Chatham House.

Mr. Macadam explained that the policy of the Council of the Royal Institute was to devote an increasing amount of attention to research work. The most interesting development in the field of research was the formation, in August 1931, of a special department responsible for Study Groups. Lord Trenchard the Chairman of the Study Groups Committee, was taking a very active part in this development of the Institute's work. In carrying out this policy the Institute Study Groups have been reorganized on a definitely selective basis, only those who are considered qualified being asked to contribute. Each group is assisted by one of the permanent economic or political advisors of Chatham House, and the material collected is prepared and condensed into report form by secretarial specialists appointed by the Institute. The draft reports prepared are then submitted to the group concerned for final development and amendment.

Mr. Macadam reported that the following Groups had been formed:-

(a) The International Functions of Gold. A report of this Group, which consisted of practically all the most eminent authorities on this subject in England, was published by the Oxford University Press in November, 1931, under the title of "The International Gold Problem - Selected Papers", price 12/6. (Price to members of the Institute 10/6).

(b) The International Agricultural Situation. The first draft of the report of this Group is practically completed. When ready the draft will be circulated to some 50 or 60 authorities in England and abroad, and their comments will be considered by the "Inner Group" and, where possible, embodied in the final report which will also be published by the Oxford University Press next Autumn.

(c) Comparative Colonial Administration. A Group formed to devote special attention to the problems of Native education in Ceylon, the Philippines, French Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies and Formosa. The Report will be published in 1932.