

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION.

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The ~~xxxx~~ session of the Commission opened at 10.30 a.m. this morning ( 18th February ). After the President had announced the names of the delegates appointed as a Committee on International Agreements affecting the <sup>r</sup> traffic in Opium, Mr. Mackenzie King presented a Report on the Opium question in Canada.

The Chinese report then came up for discussion, but elicited no further remarks.

Monsieur Cornillon, on behalf of the Revenue Committee, described the lines of investigation which it was proposed to follow, and pointed out the necessity for reducing all statistics to uniform units. For example, it was suggested that all monies should be reduced to English currency, and that measures of surface, weight, etc., should be expressed in metrical terms. All figures furnished should cover the years 1903 / 7. Some doubt was expressed by delegates as to the possibility of changing returns for fiscal <sup>periods</sup> ~~years~~ into statistics for the calendar years.

Discussion ensued on a suggestion made by Mr. T'ang Kue-an, that a Committee should be appointed to investigate the subject of Anti-opium remedies, and to determine the best means of curing the Opium habit without recourse to the actual drug or any of its derivatives. No decision was arrived at, and the matter was left over for further discussion.

The Japanese and American delegates put a number of questions with reference to the Persian and Indian reports respectively, answers to which will be laid on the table at the next sitting.

The Commission adjourned at noon until the 19th instant at 10.30 a.m.

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