

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM COMMISSION

Minutes for the twelfth Session: 24th Feb./09.

The House was called to order at 2-30 P.M. The Chief Commissioner for Japan submitted a further reply to the question presented by Mr R. Laidlaw, M.P. during the fifth Session (circulated separately). The Chairman announced that the Delegate for Russia found it impossible at the moment to present a report about the Opium question as regards his country, but that it would be forthcoming later. On this there was some discussion as to the printing of the Minutes and the Reports. The ^{President} ~~Chairman~~ enquired whether it would not be possible to have them printed in Shanghai, and the Secretary was instructed to obtain particulars as to cost, etc.,

Mr Tang Kuo-an asked the Japanese Delegation to inform him what was the amount of Import Duty on Morphia entering the leased territories of Kuantung. An answer was promised for the next Session. In reply to a question from the Chief Commissioner of the Netherlands, the Portugese Delegation declared that no further information in connection with the Opium question in Macao, beyond what had been already presented could be obtained from the Portugese Government.

Two Resolutions were then submitted to the Commission by the American and British Delegations conjointly (copies already distributed). The Chief Commissioner for the Netherlands stated that whilst his Delegation agreed with the first Resolution as it stood, they intended to bring forward a similar proposal on broader lines. The first Resolution was then put to the vote, and carried unanimously, the Portugese Delegation alone reserving its vote.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith then moved the adoption of the second Resolution, which, after being read, was accepted unanimously by the House with the same reservation.

Dr. Hamilton Wright announced that the American Delegation would withdraw from final discussion before the Commission its original Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 7.

Mr A. A. de Jongh then brought forward two Resolutions of the Netherlands Delegation, and moved the adoption of the first.