

(It was decided that a committee, composed of Mr. Sifton, Sir Robert Garran and Captain Brebner¹ should, in consultation with Mr. Hurst, draw up an amendment to Article 35 in so far as it concerned the participation of the Dominions in the Labour Organisation.)

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105. *Le Premier ministre par intérim au Premier ministre*

TELEGRAM P. 278

Ottawa, April 12, 1919

From Rowell. Council has considered and approved your suggested amendments to Covenant of League of Nations² but suggest that Article VIII be further amended so as to provide that private manufacture of munitions and implements of war be prohibited. Council's approval is given on the assumption that it will be clearly understood by all the Signatories to the Covenant that (1) the right of each nation to regulate and control the character of its own population by restriction of immigration is maintained unimpaired and that such control is recognized as a matter of purely domestic concern and not one in which the League of Nations is concerned; (2) this Covenant does not in any way interfere with the fiscal governance of Canada nor with the control or regulation of its own tariffs. Is there any objection to laying your memorandum with suggested amendments on the table of the House as inquiries are being made in Parliament in reference to matter. Government is being asked as to present position of Peace negotiations and as to when Treaty probably ready for signature. Could you cable such a statement as the Government might give to the House before the Easter adjournment indicating progress of negotiations.

106. *Extraits du procès-verbal de la vingt et unième réunion de la délégation de l'Empire britannique*³

SECRET

April 14, 1919

1. DRAFT CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL AIR NAVIGATION

(Reference B.E.D. 20, Minute 3)

General Sykes⁴ referred to the amendments (see W. C. P. 516A—Appendix) which it was proposed to put forward in order to cover the conclusions of the British Empire Delegation at the previous meeting, and asked whether these were approved for him to take up with the Inter-Allied Air Commission.

¹ Secrétaire de M. Botha.

² Document n° 74.

³ Représentants canadiens présents: sir Robert Borden et A. L. Sifton.

⁴ Le major-général sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, chef de l'état-major de l'Air de 1918 à 1919; contrôleur général de l'Aviation civile de 1919 à 1922; chef de la section de l'Aviation de la délégation britannique à la Conférence de la Paix.