

I am very grateful to you for letting me see your memorandum on the Lausanne Treaty. I have shown it in strict confidence to Lord Beaverbrook and Geoffrey Dawson, both of whom ask me to send you their thanks.

At Mr. Meighen's request I gave him some time ago my comments on the matter, and I am very glad to find that I happened to reach the same conclusions as you did on the substantial issues and consequences involved. I did not however appreciate fully the political realities in Ottawa, and your memorandum accordingly makes the position much clearer.

Christie then, in characteristic manner of most of his correspondence with Borden, gave several pages of commentary on the discussions in the British Parliament and press on the Lausanne Treaty, analysing them from the viewpoint of the Dominions. The manner in which he kept Borden informed or "advised" is seen in the following portions of Christie's letter:

I am enclosing the "Times" report of the further debate on the Treaty held at Westminster last Friday (June 6), and also the "Times" comment and Prof. Smith's letter. Mr. Lloyd George's object in bringing on the debate, I understand, was not to propose any specific steps with regard to the actual Lausanne Treaty (for practically that is beyond recall), but to get a declaration from the Government repudiating the procedure there adopted and thus to prevent that procedure as far as possible from being taken as a precedent. He did get a sort of repudiation out of the Prime Minister, but Ramsay Macdonald seems to have a specially developed faculty for putting out pronouncements that may mean anything or nothing, and I feel by no means sure of the result of the debate.

The truth is there is a strong partisan background to the whole affair here (just as presumably there may be in Ottawa!); it is indeed perfectly evident in the debate and also in the "Times" performance. Labour will say nothing whatever that could be construed to the advantage of the Liberals and especially nothing that might be in favour of Mr. Lloyd George. The Conservatives naturally have a similar attitude, and they have to protect Lord Curzon. Their share in the performance has been