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PROCEDURE ADOPTED AT VERSAILLES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE ON REPARATIONS SCHEME

Canadian Representative will
Be on "Panel" From
Which British Delegation
Is Selected.

DOMINION WILL BE
TREATY SIGNATORY

Sen. Belcourt Will Attend
All Meetings of Empire
Delegation and Main Con-
ference From Time to
Time.

Canada has secured her point
at the inter-Allied conference.
Senator Belcourt will attend the
conference as a member of the
British Empire delegation with
full powers from the King to
represent Canada and to sign on
behalf of Canada. The system
of representation to be followed
will be similar to that adopted at
the Paris peace conference with
three delegates, one of whom
will be representative of the
Dominions.

There may be some minor differ-
ences from the method followed at
Paris. In this regard, the Dominion
government is not insisting on tech-
nicalities. But the broad general
principle of Dominion representa-
tion, it is intimated, has been ac-
cepted.

The Dominion government has
been advised by Rt. Hon. J. H.
Thomas, secretary of state for the
colonies, of a meeting of high com-
missioners in London yesterday at
which Senator Belcourt was present.
At this conference, Mr. Thomas out-
lined the procedure which the British
government desired to suggest
should be followed by the British
Empire delegation in the event of
the dominions being directly repre-
sented at the conference. This pro-
posal by Mr. Thomas follows the
panel system approved by the Cana-
dian government.

Prepared To Accept.
Premier King has replied intim-
ating that the Canadian government
is prepared to accept.
Senator Belcourt will therefore
attend all the meetings of the British
Empire delegation and, as Canadian
representative, will attend the main
conference from time to time ac-
cording to arrangements made under
the panel system.

The right of Canada to be repre-
sented at the inter-Allied conference
in London and the status which
would attach to such representation
caused an enlivened discussion in the
Canadian House of Commons yes-
terday morning.

Press Ahead of Official News.
There was an angry scene when
Premier King was being questioned.
He had outlined the communications
which had passed between the Cana-
dian and British government in re-
gard to Canadian representation at
the conference and the stand taken
by Canada and had intimated that
the Dominion government was
awaiting further advices from the
British government, when Rt. Hon.
Arthur Meighen, leader of the op-
position, read a press despatch of
this morning's date bearing on the
conference.

Premier King angrily replied that
he had not seen the despatch, add-
ing: "I want this house to know, and
I want the British government to
know that we are not receiving in-
formation as to what is happening
in regard to Canadian representation
from press despatches read by the
leader of the opposition."
Mr. King heatedly protested
against the press getting information
with regard to what is taking place
"which is not given to the govern-
ment of the country and which the
government is not in a position to
reply to."

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