

of drafting; but in order to prevent any misapprehension and to make the matter perfectly clear, I move that the following words be added to the motion which has been proposed by Mr. Barnes:

The Conference authorises the Drafting Committee to make such amendments as may be necessary to have the Convention conform to the Covenant of the League of Nations in the character of its membership and in the method of adherence.

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104. *Extraits du procès-verbal de la vingtième réunion  
de la délégation de l'Empire britannique*<sup>1</sup>

April 12, 1919

SECRET

1. CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LABOUR LEGISLATION  
(Reference B.E.D. 19)

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Sir Robert Borden said that he could not understand why the scheme of membership adopted in the case of the League of Nations Covenant had not been followed in the Labour Convention since it had been decided that the two should be linked together. This suggestion had been made many times in the British Empire Delegation. Furthermore, he could not understand the procedure that had been followed in respect of the nine clauses proposed for insertion in the Peace Treaty. It had been distinctly agreed, at the previous meeting of the British Empire Delegation, that these should not be inserted, and yet at one stage of the Plenary Session it was apparently the intention to proceed with their consideration and adoption. He had been told after he had reached the Quai d'Orsay that President Wilson and M. Clemenceau wished to have these clauses adopted and he had been obliged to take the matter up with President Wilson during the meeting, in order to have the discussion of the clauses postponed. In saying this he intended no reflection whatever on the Foreign Secretary, who had been just as disturbed as himself at the procedure followed.

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Mr. Barnes stated that there had been some misunderstanding concerning the first paragraph of Article 35. He did not know how the new paragraph had appeared in the Report presented to the Plenary Session. In any case, before any final decision was reached, the article would be changed to suit the Dominions. As for the nine clauses, he had drafted a Resolution that would have excluded them, but there had been no opportunity to present it before the Plenary Session adjourned.

Sir Robert Borden said that, in the circumstances, it would be necessary to have a clear understanding that before any further amendment was made it should be submitted in specific terms to the Dominion Prime Ministers for their approval.

<sup>1</sup> Représentants canadiens présents: sir Robert Borden, A. L. Sifton et C. J. Doherty.