

following memorandum has been furnished me:

The original draft of the League of Nations Covenant was published in the Canadian Official Record on the 18th of February, 1919. That draft was printed and distributed to both Houses of Parliament on the 24th of March, 1919. The revised draft of the League of Nations Covenant (which is almost precisely that embodied in the Treaty of Peace) was distributed to both Houses of Parliament in English on the 9th of May, and in French on the 23rd of May, 1919. Further, the official summary of the Peace Treaty was printed in the Canadian Official Record on the 8th of May, 1919; that publication is circulated to every member of the House. The summary in question is very full and comprises about fourteen thousand words.

With respect to the business of the House in connection with the Peace Treaty I had the advantage of a conference with my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition (Mr. McKenzie) this morning, and at his suggestion I have agreed to postpone the further consideration of the resolution which I moved on Tuesday last until Monday next, the 8th of September, but upon the understanding, to which my hon. friend agreed, that the debate upon that resolution should be brought to a conclusion not later than Thursday, the 11th of September. I am ready to make to my hon. friend a further suggestion, which is this: If hon. members on the other side of the House should desire to proceed with that debate to-morrow instead of Monday, which would give an additional day, we would be quite prepared to meet their wishes.

I should also say that on Tuesday evening I gave instructions that the French copy of the Treaty which was laid upon the table of the House on that day should be printed forthwith, and the Treaty itself with the Protocol has now been printed in French, and I hope has been distributed.

Mr. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Kamouraska): Might I ask whether we shall have the opportunity of discussing the resolution in committee, so that we may ask for information and put questions without exhausting our right to speak on the resolution?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Subject to the arrangement which I made with my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition, I do not think there is any objection to the resolution being considered in committee. I appreciate what my hon. friend says as to the opportunity which it would afford of obtaining more precise information on some points, so far as it is available.

Mr. JACQUES BUREAU (Three Rivers and St. Maurice): I understand that the

Prime Minister has just moved that the next step to be taken on the resolution to approve of the Treaty will be to go into Committee of the Whole House. I should like to ask whether, when we resume the debate, we shall go into Committee, or shall we resume with the Speaker in the Chair. The motion has been made that we go into Committee to-morrow on the second resolution on page 7 of the Order Paper of to-day.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That is another resolution altogether. The resolution I put to the Speaker was not precisely in the proper form. I moved that the resolution should be considered to-morrow, so that it might go on the Order Paper in regular form. That is a different resolution from the one my hon. friend will find on the last page of the Orders of the Day; I did not make any motion with regard to that. The resolution of which I am speaking at this moment is No. 2 on page 8 of the Orders of the Day.

Mr. BUREAU: Does this resolution appear on the Order Paper by virtue of some rule of the House, or is it because it precedes a Bill which is to be introduced involving an expenditure of money? I should like to know what the object of the resolution is if a Bill is to be introduced to the same effect and purpose which the resolution seems to have.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The purpose of the resolution is to give the House an opportunity of pronouncing either approval or disapproval of the treaty. If the House should express approval of the Treaty, then it would be necessary to introduce a Bill for carrying out certain provisions of the Treaty which require legislation.

THE PEACE TREATY.

QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO ARTICLE X AND MAPS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. ARTHUR TRAHAN (Nicolet): I see the following statement in the Canadian Railroader of August 30:

The Canadian delegation has filed a strongly worded protest against the famous Article X (of the League of Nations Covenant), which has excited so much criticism and opposition in the United States. Sir Robert did not hesitate to point out its significance, which he clearly realized; he exposed the danger of committing everybody to everybody else's wars and was very dubious as to the offhand guarantee of all the territorial adjustments which were made at Paris.

The same statement is published in the Farmers' Sun of yesterday. I should like