

1628. Committee on Intellectual Co-operation : Appointment of Successors to M. Bergson and M. Ruffini.

On the proposal of Sir Austen CHAMBERLAIN, the Council decided to express its thanks to M. Bergson and M. Ruffini for the valuable assistance they had given to the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation. It noted with regret their resignation and *decided to invite* M. Paul PAINLEVÉ and M. Alfredo Rocco to become members of the Committee.

1629. Committee on the Allocation of Expenses of the League: (a) Renewal of Appointments of Members of the Committee up to the end of 1928; (b) Death of M. Jancovici and Appointment of his Successor.

M. GUANI read the following report and draft resolution:

"On September 26th, 1925, the sixth Assembly adopted for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 the scale of allocation drawn up by the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses and passed the following resolution:

" ' The Assembly

" ' Requests the Council to ask the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses to follow the economic development of the various Member States with a view to submitting a revised scale to the Assembly of 1928 '.

"The Committee is at present composed of the following members:

M. REVEILLAUD	(France), Chairman;
M. BARBOZA CARNEIRO	(Brazil);
Mr. PHILLIPS	(Great Britain);
M. SOLERI	(Italy);
Sir Henry STRAKOSCH	(South Africa);
M. SUGIMURA	(Japan);
M. ZAHLE	(Denmark).

"I feel sure that the Council has learnt with regret of the death of M. Jancovici, who has been a member of the Committee since 1922 and was also a member of the Temporary Mixed Commission. The question of the appointment of a new member to complete the composition of the Committee has thus arisen for the consideration of the Council.

"In view of the facts that the Assembly desires the Committee to submit a revised scale to the Assembly of 1928, and that its services will be required should any new Members be admitted to the League, the Council will perhaps think it advisable to renew the term of office of the Committee until that date.

"I therefore have the honour to submit the following resolutions:

" ' The Council of the League of Nations:

" ' Renews the term of office of the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses until the end of 1928 and requests the Committee to follow the economic development of the various Member States with a view to submitting a revised scale of allocation to the Assembly of 1928;

" ' Learns with the deepest regret of the death of M. Jancovici, who has rendered valuable services as a member of the Committee for the past four years;

" ' And invites M. Bogdan MARKOVITCH, Director of the Mortgage Bank of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, to serve as a member of the Committee.' "

The resolution was adopted.

TENTH MEETING (PRIVATE)

Held at Geneva on Saturday, December 12th, 1925, at 10 a.m.

Present: All the representatives of the Members of the Council, and the Secretary-General.

1630. Free City of Danzig.

(a) *Appointment of the High Commissioner.*

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN read the following report:

"On February 1st, 1923, Mr. M. S. MacDonnell was appointed High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig, after the resignation of General Sir Richard Haking. Mr. MacDonnell took up his duties on February 22nd, 1923. His term of office has been twice prolonged, each time for a period of one year. It will expire on February 21st, 1926.

"Last year, when Mr. MacDonnell's term of office was prolonged, it was understood that when it expired a High Commissioner of another nationality would be appointed, this position having been held by British subjects since 1920.

"I feel sure that my colleagues will join with me in expressing to Mr. MacDonnell on this occasion the warmest thanks of the Council for the services which he has rendered as High Commissioner during the last three years.

"The post of High Commissioner is provided for in Article 102 of the Treaty of Versailles, and the attributes of the holder of the office are defined by this treaty, by the Treaty between Poland and Danzig of November 9th, 1920, by several other agreements concluded between Danzig and the Polish Government and by various decisions of the Council. I would like to call special attention to the resolutions adopted by the Council on the occasion of the appointment of the preceding High Commissioners, particularly the resolution of February 11th, 1920, on the occasion of the appointment of Sir Reginald Tower, and that of November 17th, 1920, on the appointment of his successor. These decisions of the Council also contain instructions for the High Commissioner, who is of course responsible to the Council of the League of Nations for the execution of his duties.

"In its resolution of November 17th, 1920, the Council decided that the High Commissioner should be appointed for a period of three years, and that his mandate should be renewable. General Haking, however, was only willing to accept the appointment for a year at a time. When, in 1923, the Council appointed another British subject, Mr. MacDonnell, to be High Commissioner at Danzig, the appointment was also made for a period of one year, but an assurance was given to Mr. MacDonnell that, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, his mandate would be renewed at least once. I think experience has shown that it is most desirable for the proper execution of the High Commissioner's duties that the same official should remain at Danzig for several years, and I therefore consider it advisable that the Council should revert to its original decision and appoint the High Commissioner for three years. His mandate will be renewable.

"I think the Council will agree with me if I propose as candidate Dr. van Hamel.

"I have the honour to propose for adoption by the Council the following resolution:

" ' 1. The Council requests the Secretary-General to express to Mr. MacDonnell the thanks of the Council for the services which he has rendered to the League of Nations during his period of office as High Commissioner at Danzig.

" ' 2. Dr. van Hamel is hereby appointed High Commissioner at Danzig for a period of three years, beginning on February 22nd, 1926. He will receive an annual salary of 80,000 gold francs.

" ' 3. The necessary arrangements connected with other expenditure relating to the post of High Commissioner, including the salaries of the staff of the High Commissioner's office, shall be made by the High Commissioner, in agreement with the Secretary-General.

" ' 4. The funds allocated for the maintenance of this post shall be advanced to the High Commissioner, as hitherto, by the Financial Department of the League of Nations. The High Commissioner shall present a report to the Financial Department on the employment of these funds, which will be utilised as far as possible in accordance with the general rules applied by the League of Nations in this domain. The advances thus granted to the High Commissioner will be repaid in equal parts by the Danzig and Polish Governments, in accordance with the agreement which they have concluded on this subject.' "

The resolution was adopted.

(b) *The High Commissioner's House.*

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN said:

The Council will recollect that, at our session in December last year, the question of the residence of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig was raised. The High Commissioner is at present housed in a building which he regards as unduly large and costly to maintain. It was understood that the Council would examine this question and take a decision at a subsequent session.

I feel it my duty to bring this matter up again now in order that the Council may, if it sees fit, ask its High Commissioner to submit a report to it on the subject in the near future. If the Council agrees with this suggestion, I will request the Secretary-General to inform the High Commissioner accordingly.

The Council agreed.

1631. **Appointments to and Resignations from the Secretariat.**

The Council approved the list submitted by the Secretary-General (Annex 835).

1632. **Traffic in Opium and other Dangerous Drugs: Appointment of Assessors on the Advisory Committee.**

On the proposal of M. UNDÉN, Rapporteur, *the Council postponed this question to its session of March 1926.*