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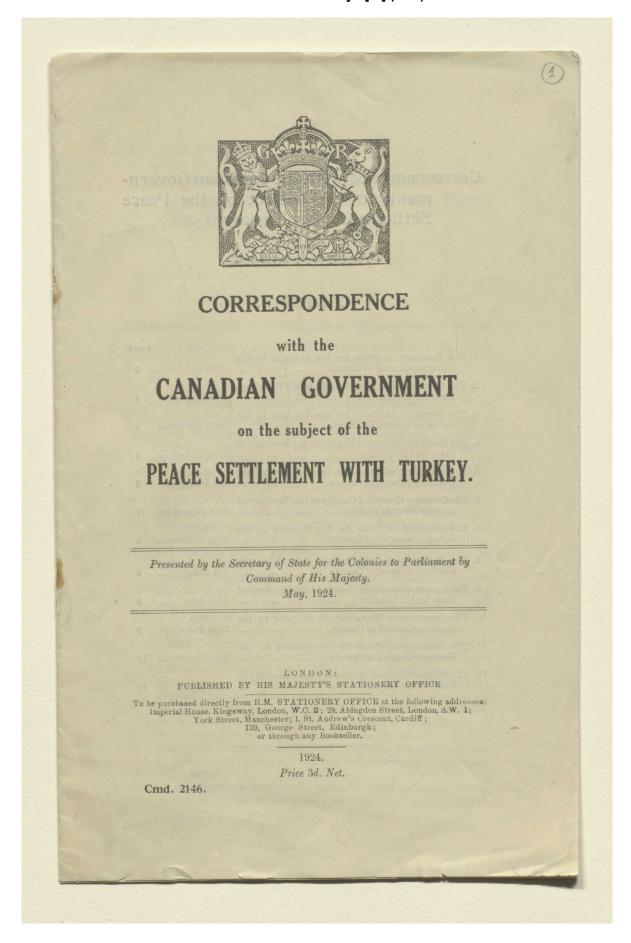
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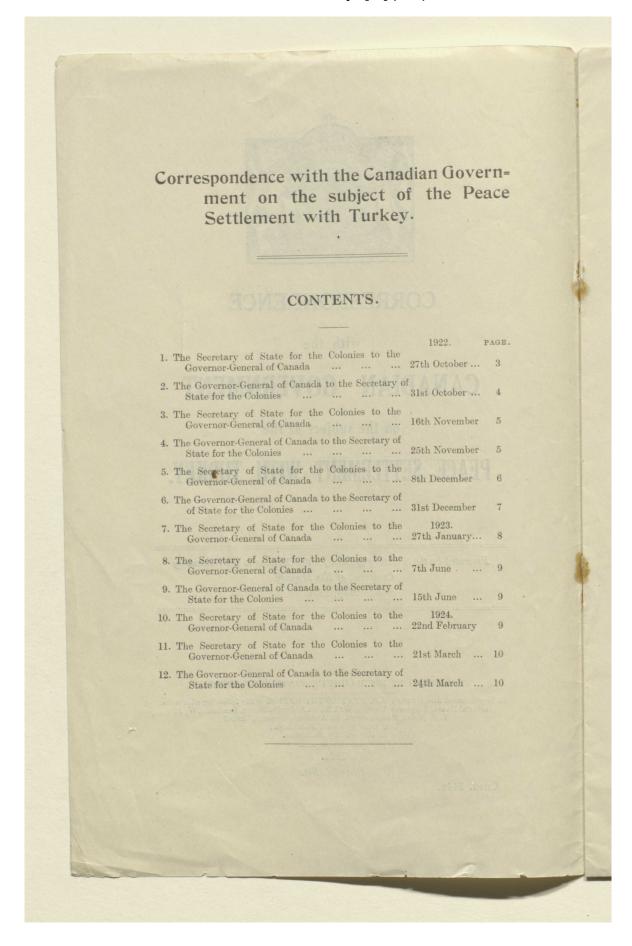
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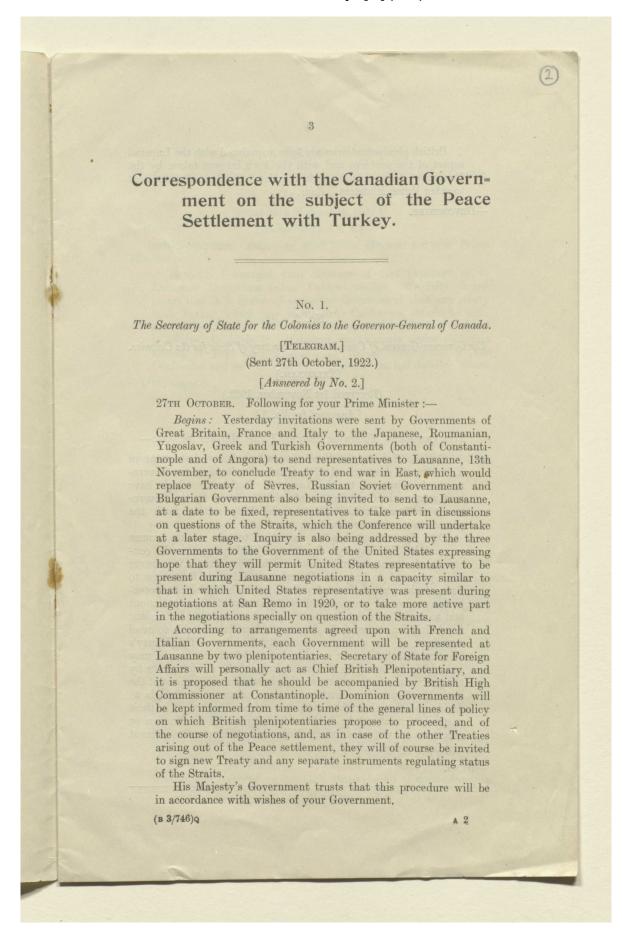
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British plenipotentiaries are fully acquainted with the Imperial aspect of the problem and with the keen interest taken by the Dominion Governments in its solution. Similar telegram sent to other Prime Ministers. Ends. -DEVONSHIRE, No. 2. The Governor-General of Canada to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. [TELEGRAM.] (Received 1st November, 1922.) [Answered by No. 3.] 31st October. Following from my Prime Minister for you:-Begins: I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatch of 27th October* informing our Government of invitations to the Lausanne Conference which have been sent to the Governments of other countries by the Governments of Great Britain, France, and Italy setting forth the procedure in reference thereto. Our Government has no exception to take to the course pursued by His Majesty's Government with respect to the conclusion of a treaty to end the war in the Near East. As however it is proposed to keep our Government informed from time to time of the general lines of policy on which British plenipotentiaries propose to proceed and of the course of the negotiations and to invite us to sign a new treaty and any separate instrument regulating the status of the Straits we deem it advisable to avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity to inform His Majesty's Government that in our opinion extent to which Canada may be held to be bound by the proceedings of the Conference or by the provisions of any treaty or other instrument arising out of the same is necessarily a matter for the Parliament of Canada to decide and that the rights and powers of our Parliament in these particulars must not be held to be affected by implication or otherwise in virtue of information with which our Government may be supplied. Ends. -Byng. * No. 1.

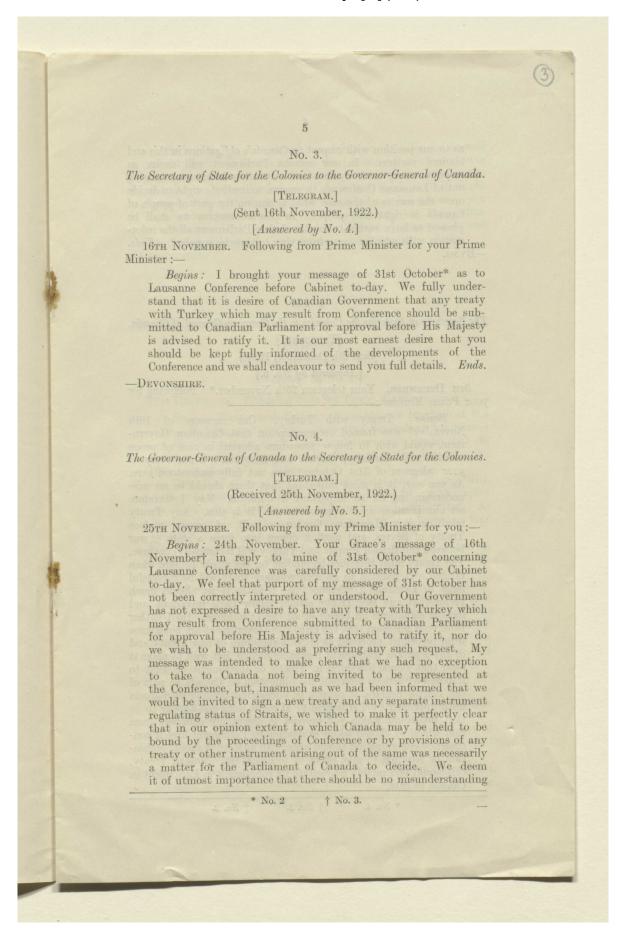
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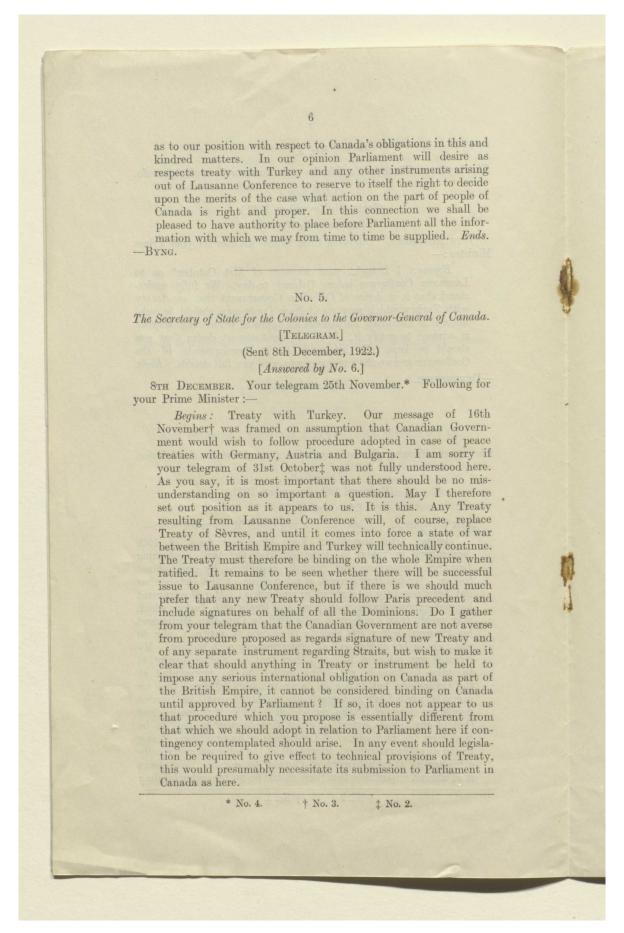
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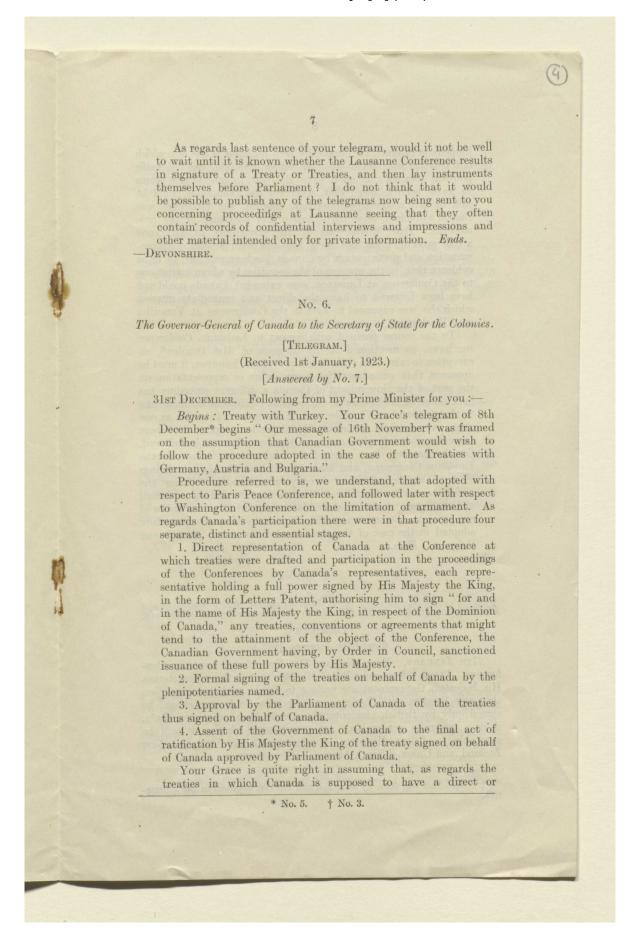
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immediate interest, the procedure here outlined is the one which our Government would wish to follow. In the case of main political treaties concluded since the War, in general rule seems to have been followed that, wherever the Dominions could be said to have a direct or immediate interest, the procedure was shaped to include their participation and signature of the proceedings. That in the case of the Conference at Lausanne a like procedure has not been followed with respect to representation and participation by Canada, has been regarded by us as evidence that, in the opinion of the countries by whom invitations to the Conference at Lausanne were extended, Canada could not have been believed to have the direct and immediate interest which she was supposed to have in the Conferences at Versailles and Washington. To the course pursued with respect to Lausanne Conference we have, as mentioned in my telegram of 31st October*, no exception to take. As regards the procedure, however, it must be apparent that quite apart from any action or representation on the part of the Government of Canada a different procedure has been followed in the case of the present Conference at Lausanne to that followed at Versailles and Washington. In so far as one stage in procedure is necessarily dependent upon the stage preceding, it is difficult to see how a like procedure can be followed. Canada has not been invited to send representatives to the Lausanne Conference, and has not participated in the proceedings of the Conference either directly or indirectly. Under the circumstances we do not see how as respects signing on behalf of Canada we can be expected, in the case of a new treaty or of any separate instrument regarding Straits, to follow the procedure adopted in the case of the treaties with Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. Ends. -Byng. No. 7. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General of Canada. [TELEGRAM.] (Sent 27th January, 1923.) 27th January. Your telegram 31st December,† Lausanne Conference. Please inform your Prime Minister that in the circumstances His Majesty's Government are willing to fall in with his suggestion that any Treaties with Turkey resulting from Conference should be signed only by British plenipotentiaries who have negotiated them, if it is generally acceptable. Am ascertaining whether it will be agreeable to Prime Ministers, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, and Union of South Africa. †-Devonshire. ‡ Note.—This was done by telegraph and answers obtained in the affirma-

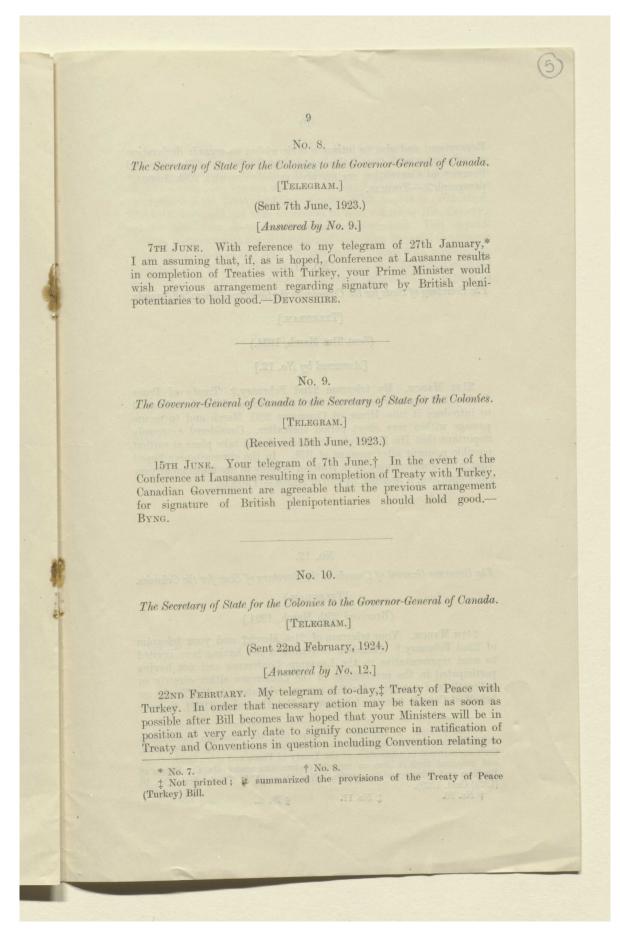
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10 Reparation, and also to intimate their wishes as regards declaration in connection with Convention respecting Conditions of Business and Commercial Convention see my predecessor's despatch 20th August,* paragraph 3.—Thomas. No. 11. The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor-General of Canada. [TELEGRAM.] (Sent 21st March, 1924.) [Answered by No. 12.] 21st March. My telegram 22nd February,† Treaty of Peace Turkey Bill has now been read third time House of Lords and hoped to introduce it into House of Commons 28th March and to secure passage within very short period thereafter. Considered extremely important that His Majesty's ratification should take place at earliest possible moment after passage of Bill. In the circumstances hoped that your Ministers may be in position to reply to my telegram at very early date and, if possible, by end of March.—Thomas. No. 12. The Governor-General of Canada to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. [TELEGRAM.] (Received 25th March, 1924.) 24TH MARCH. Your telegram of 21st March; and your telegram of 22nd February.† Canadian Government not having been invited to send representative to the Lausanne Conference and not having participated in the proceedings of the Conference either directly or indirectly and not being for this reason a signatory to the Treaty on behalf of Canada (see my telegram of 31st December, 1922§, to your * Not printed. It expressed the hope that the Canadian Government would be in a position to signify, not later than the beginning of December, their concurrence in ratification of the Treaty of Peace and other Conventions, and enquired their wishes as regards declarations under the Conditions of Business and Commercial Conventions (Nos. IV and V in Treaty Series No. 16 (1923) Cmd. 1929). † No. 10.

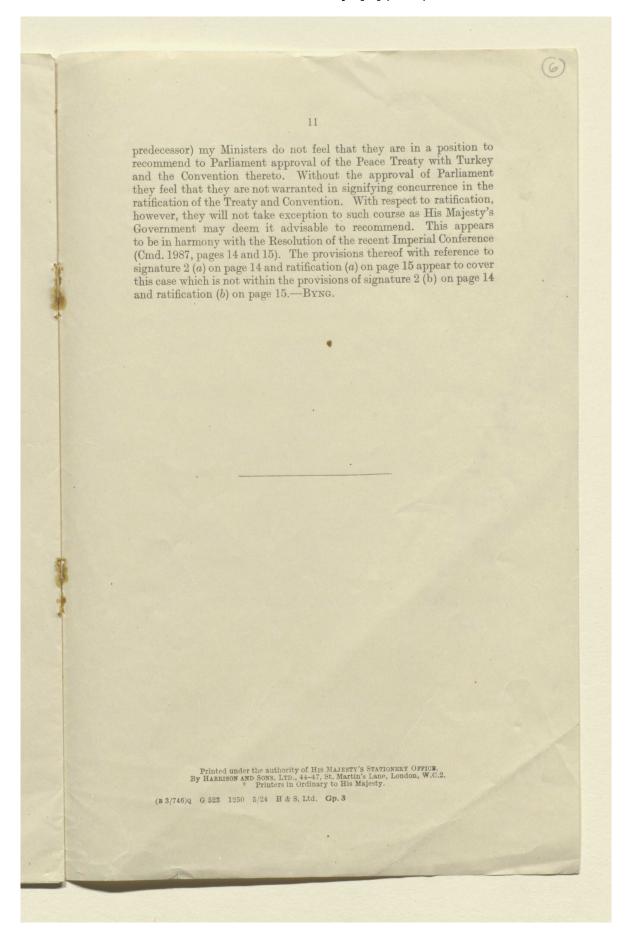
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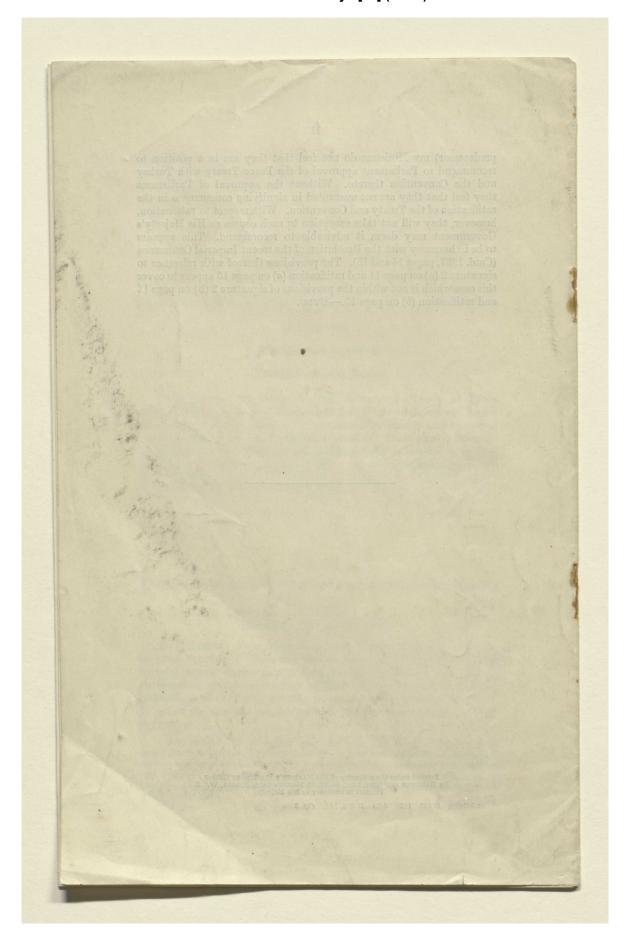
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