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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND ON THE ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, HELD AT GENEVA, IN THE YEAR 1930.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

ELEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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SIR,—

OPENING OF PROCEEDINGS.

I have the honour to inform you that the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations was opened at Geneva on Wednesday, the 10th September, by M. Zumeta, the representative of Venezuela on the Council, and the Acting President of that body. The first and second meetings were formal, and devoted to the consideration of the report of the Credentials Committee (set up to examine the credentials of the delegates), the election of the President, the examination and adoption of the agenda (with the apportionment of the various items amongst the six committees which deal in detail with the great bulk of the work of the Assembly), and the election of the six Vice-Presidents who, with the President of the Assembly, the Chairmen of the six committees, and the Chairman of the Agenda Committee (referred to later), form the General Committee of the Assembly.

For President, the Assembly's choice fell on M. Titulesco, the principal delegate of Roumania, a man well known in both diplomatic and League circles, and one thoroughly familiar with the organization and work of the League.

The following delegates were elected Vice-Presidents: Mr. Henderson (United Kingdom), M. Matsudaira (Japan), M. Briand (France), M. Curtius (Germany), M. Quinones de Leon (Spain), M. Adolfe Costa du Rels (Bolivia).

The following were elected Chairmen of committees: First Committee, M. Scialoja (Italy); Second Committee, M. Colijn (Netherlands); Third Committee, M. Politis (Greece); Fourth Committee, Count Carton de Wiart (Belgium); Fifth Committee, Countess Apponyi (Hungary); Sixth Committee, Sir Robert Borden (Canada).

An Agenda Committee of seven, to which is referred in the first instance any new items proposed in the course of the Assembly for decision regarding procedure, was appointed, and the Assembly honoured me by electing me a member of this committee.

It will not be out of place here to refer to the improved conditions under which the Assembly worked this year. The Salle de la Réformation, which, I am given to understand, was far from ideal, was abandoned, as a hall of meeting, for the Bâtiment Electoral, and this was temporarily fitted to meet the peculiar conditions governing an assembly. Even if only by reason of its superior acoustics, the change to the Bâtiment Electoral was well worth while. This year's experiment will be repeated until the new hall is ready for occupation.