

the Committee proposed that the Assembly accept these powers as sufficient it considered that it would be useful to draw the attention of States called upon to participate in the election of a Judge to the Permanent Court to the necessity of providing their representatives with full powers in accordance with Article 5 of the Assembly Rules of Procedure. If this were not done a very unwise precedent would be created.

As both the Assembly and the Council elected M. Charles de Visscher by a substantial majority there was no need to proceed further, and M. Visscher was declared elected.

New Zealand was represented at the Council by Mr. W. J. Jordan and by the Honourable H. T. Armstrong at the Assembly during the election of the Judge to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

DATE OF OPENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH ASSEMBLY.

The President stated that certain delegations had suggested a postponement of the date of opening of the next ordinary session and after consulting with them found that the majority would like to have the opening date, which was fixed by the Rules of Procedure for September 6th, postponed to the 27th.

The Representative of Norway regretted the suggestion. However, if it were a case of *force majeure*, the Norwegian delegation would of course defer and vote for the proposal. The Representative of Denmark inquired as to the reasons for the proposed change of date and stated that if strong evidence were forthcoming in favour of postponement the Danish delegation would be prepared to agree to the request. If, however, the reasons were not weighty he would endorse the remarks of the Norwegian delegate. The Danish Parliament was meeting at the beginning of October, and an Assembly convened at the end of September would not suit the Danish delegation.

The President of the Assembly in reply said that the date of September 27th had been suggested because several delegates were anxious to have a postponement because of the fact that August being still part of the holidays, they wished to have some time at their disposal at the beginning of September in order to contact with one another and thus make the work of the Assembly more effective. As a compromise he suggested September 20th.

On the proposal of the Representative of Denmark, the Assembly decided that its next ordinary session would open on the 13th September, 1937.

The President in closing the extraordinary session of the Assembly expressed his gratitude for the honour paid him in being elected to the office. He also stated that his gratitude was all the more keen in that he had been happy to act as President on the occasion of the admission into the League of Nations of Egypt. The speeches which had been delivered welcoming Egypt were sufficient proof of the significance of the entry into the League of a new Member. It also was regarded as a mark of confidence in the future destinies of the League of Nations and of hope for a better future in which its universality would be achieved.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. JORDAN,

High Commissioner for New Zealand.

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Prime Minister of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.

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