

COLONIAL CONFERENCE, 1907.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Colonial Conference, 1907.

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HELD AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE, DOWNING STREET,
MONDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1907.

The following Members of the Conference were present :—The Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Right Hon. the EARL OF ELGIN, K.G.) in the chair; the Prime Minister of Canada (the Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G.); the Prime Minister of Australia (the Hon. ALFRED DEAKIN); the Prime Minister of New Zealand (the Hon. Sir J. G. WARD, K.C.M.G.); the Prime Minister of Cape Colony (the Hon. L. S. JAMESON, C.B.); the Prime Minister of Natal (the Hon. R. F. MOOR); and the Prime Minister of the Transvaal (General the Hon. LOUIS BOTHA).

The following Colonial Ministers were present :—The Hon. Sir F. W. BORDEN, K.C.M.G. (Canada); the Hon. Sir W. LYNE, K.C.M.G. (Australia); and the Hon. Dr. SMARTT (Cape Colony).

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (the Right Hon. Sir H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN, G.C.B.) was present, together with the following Members of His Majesty's Government :—The Right Hon. JOHN MORLEY, O.M.; the Right Hon. R. B. HALDANE, K.C.; the Right Hon. LORD TWEEDMOUTH; the Right Hon. JOHN BURNS; and the Right Hon. D. LLOYD-GEORGE. There were also present Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies; Sir FRANCIS HOPWOOD, K.C.B., the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies; Sir J. L. MACKAY, G.C.M.G., K.C.I.E., on behalf of the India Office; the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies; the Secretaries to the Conference; the Private Secretaries to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Colonial representatives.

CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, the Members of the Conference having all assembled, with the exception of Sir Robert Bond, who is detained for a day or two, I assume that we may now proceed to business. Before doing so, I have the honour to read the following telegram which has been received from His Majesty the King: "At the first meeting to-day of the Colonial Conference, I wish you to convey to the Prime Ministers and representatives "of my self-governing Colonies, a warm welcome on my behalf, and to