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Papers :—[Cd. 3523] (Proceedings of Colonial Conference of 1907) and Memorandum as to publicity of proceedings (No. 1 in volume* of Memoranda.)

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH.—PLACE OF MEETING : FOREIGN OFFICE,
11 A.M.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.**ORGANIZATION OF COLONIAL OFFICE.****INTERCHANGE OF CIVIL SERVANTS.****RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND :**

(2) IMPERIAL REPRESENTATION OF OVERSEA DOMINIONS WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING IMPERIAL SENTIMENT, SOLIDARITY, AND INTEREST.

That the Empire has now reached a stage of Imperial development which renders it expedient that there should be an Imperial Council of State, with representatives from all the self-governing parts of the Empire, in theory and in fact advisory to the Imperial Government on all questions affecting the interests of His Majesty's Dominions oversea.

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(3) RECONSTITUTION OF THE COLONIAL OFFICE, &C.

1. That it is essential that the Department of the Dominions be separated from that of the Crown Colonies, and that each Department be placed under a separate Permanent Under-Secretary.

2. That, in order to give due effect to modern Imperial development, it has now become advisable to change the title of Secretary of State for the Colonies to that of "Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs."

3. That the staff of the Secretariat be incorporated with the Dominions Department under the new Under-Secretary, and that all questions relating to the self-governing Dominions be referred to that Department : the High Commissioners to be informed of matters affecting the Dominions, with a view to their Governments expressing their opinion on the same.

4. That the High Commissioners be invited to attend meetings of the Committee of Defence when questions on Naval or Military Imperial defence affecting the oversea Dominions are under discussion.

5. That the High Commissioners be invited to consult with the Foreign Minister on matters of foreign industrial, commercial, and social affairs in which the oversea Dominions are interested, and inform their respective Governments.

6. That the High Commissioners should become the sole channel of communication between Imperial and Dominion Governments, Governors-General, and Governors on all occasions—being given identical and simultaneous information.

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