

the courtesy and help you have given me throughout the Conference. I can assure you I shall always look back upon this as a bright spot in my life; and I may say that at a very early date the necessary Bill will be prepared with a view to being presented to Parliament, and whether it be my fortune or not to pilot the measure through the devious ways of the House of Representatives, my assistance will in any case be given for the purpose of placing the Bill on the statute-book. I should only like further to say that the Government will have the whole report of the proceedings of this Conference printed at the earliest date. The speech I delivered in opening the Conference, and the tables connected with that speech, will be printed, together with the report of the proceedings, in one paper, and a sufficient number of copies will be printed to enable every member of every local body in the country to have a report of the Conference. I have now, on behalf of Mr Trevor, the Chairman of the Wellington Hospital Board, to invite the members of the Conference to visit the Wellington Hospital to-morrow. His Worship the Mayor of Wellington, Mr. McLaren, will provide a car for members, and it is suggested that 10.30 will be a suitable time to go, and the place of meeting will be the Town Hall. Gentlemen, I thank you for the way in which you have treated me throughout the Conference, which I now declare closed. I should like to say that I hope you will take away the papers and books that have been provided, and make the best possible use of them when you get home. (Applause.)

On the suggestion of the President, the members of the Conference concluded the proceedings by singing the National Anthem, after which cheers were given for the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Prime Minister.

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