

- II. The reduction of friction and delay to a minimum;
- III. The provision of facilities for the expeditious and effective settlement of disputes relating to all matters affecting the application of the Customs Tariff.

It is also agreed that any measures which Customs Administrations may take to safeguard themselves against evasion should be consistent with these principles.

B—Conference Conclusions

The Conference approved the above Report and adopted the statement contained therein and commended them to the several Governments for their consideration.

IX.—COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

A—Report of Committee

At a meeting of the Heads of Delegations held on the 22nd of July a Committee was constituted to consider commercial relations with foreign countries as included in the provisional agenda in the following terms:—

“(a) Relation of inter-Imperial preferences to concessions to foreign countries;

“(b) Interpretation of most-favoured-nation clause, particularly with reference to the development of regional preferences and of systems of import quotas.”

The Committee was constituted as follows:—

The Hon. N. C. Havenga, M.P., Minister of Finance, South Africa (Chairman).

CANADA

The Rt. Hon. Sir George Perley, K.C.M.G., M.P., Minister without Portfolio.

The Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K.C., M.P., Minister of Justice.

The Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, K.C., M.P., Minister of Finance.

The Hon. Maurice Dupré, K.C., M.P., Solicitor General.

UNITED KINGDOM

The Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

The Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Board of Trade.

AUSTRALIA

The Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, C.H., M.C., M.P., Minister without Portfolio.

The Hon. H. S. Gullett, M.P., Minister of State for Trade and Customs.

NEW ZEALAND

The Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates, M.C., Minister of Public Works, Transport and Employment.

The Hon. W. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance and Customs, etc.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Hon. P. G. W. Grobler, M.P., Minister of Lands.

The Hon. A. P. J. Fourie, M.P., Minister of Mines and Industries.

IRISH FREE STATE

Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, T.D., Vice-President of the Executive Council, Minister of Local Government and Public Health.

Mr. Sean Lemass, T.D., Minister for Industry and Commerce.

Dr. James Ryan, T.D., Minister for Agriculture.