

Second Day.  
17 April 1907.

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HELD AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE, DOWNING STREET,  
WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1907.

### PRESENT :

- The Right Honourable THE EARL OF ELGIN, K.G. (President).
- The Right Honourable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada.
- The Honourable SIR F. W. BORDEN, K.C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence (Canada).
- The Honourable L. P. BRODEUR, Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Canada).
- The Honourable ALFRED DEAKIN, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- The Honourable SIR WILLIAM LYNE, K.C.M.G., Minister of State for Trade and Customs (Australia).
- The Honourable SIR JOSEPH WARD, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- The Honourable L. S. JAMESON, C.B., Prime Minister of Cape Colony.
- The Honourable DR. SMARTT, Commissioner of Public Works (Cape Colony).
- The Honourable F. R. MOOR, Prime Minister of Natal.
- General The Honourable LOUIS BOTHA, Prime Minister of the Transvaal.
- Mr. WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- SIR FRANCIS HOPWOOD, K.C.M.G., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- Mr. H. W. JUST, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Joint Secretary.
- Mr. W. A. ROBINSON,  
Assistant Secretary.

CHAIRMAN : The Conference now proceeds to the active business for which we have been assembled, and we will deal with the subjects which have been put down for the first business meeting. From a study of the former proceedings I rather gather that it has been the practice at these Conferences to discuss a subject not under the strict presentation of a resolution, such as you would have in a House of Parliament, but to discuss the subject generally, with, of course, the resolution which may have been