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Irish Free State : Mr. S. MURPHY ; Mr. F. H. BOLAND.
India : Mr. R. S. BROWN.

2. The following also attended meetings of the Conference for the discussion of particular subjects :—

United Kingdom.

The Right Hon. WILLIAM GRAHAM, M.P., President of the Board of Trade.
Mr. ARTHUR PONSONBY, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Dominions Office.
The Right Hon. Sir JOHN ANDERSON, G.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home Office.
Sir CLAUD SCHUSTER, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., Permanent Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department.
Sir J. RISLEY, K.C.M.G., C.B., Legal Adviser, Dominions Office.
Mr. H. W. MALKIN, C.B., C.M.G., Legal Adviser, Foreign Office.
Mr. O. F. DOWSON, O.B.E., Assistant Legal Adviser, Home Office.
Mr. F. PHILLIPS, C.B., Principal Assistant Secretary, Treasury.
Mr. F. C. BOVENSCHEN, C.B., Assistant Secretary, War Office.
Mr. H. EASTWOOD, Assistant Secretary, Admiralty.
Mr. W. L. SCOTT, D.S.C., Principal, Air Ministry.

Canada.

Mr. THOMAS MULVEY, K.C., Under-Secretary of State.

Irish Free State.

Mr. M. DEEGAN ; Mr. E. G. SMYTH.

India.

Mr. G. S. BAJPAI, C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.

3. Apart from meetings of the full Conference, the questions arising under the heads of Disallowance and Reservation and the Extra-territorial Operation of Dominion Legislation were also considered by a Committee under the supervision of Sir William Harrison Moore. Committees under the chairmanship respectively of Sir Maurice Gwyer and Mr. Charles J. Burchell dealt with the Colonial Laws Validity Act and Merchant Shipping Legislation.

Message from Their Majesties the King and Queen.

4. At the first meeting it was agreed that as the first official act of the Conference a message of greeting should be sent to Their Majesties the King and Queen. The message was in the following terms :—

“ The representatives of the several parts of the British Commonwealth assembled in Conference on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation desire at their first meeting to send respectful greetings to the King. They rejoice at Your Majesty's recovery from your long and serious illness, and hope that Your Majesty with Her Majesty the Queen may be given health and strength for many years to watch over the destinies and to promote the welfare of your peoples in all parts of your Empire.”

5. At the second meeting of the Conference held on the 9th October, Lord Passfield read to the Conference a gracious reply received from His Majesty, as follows :—

“ It is with much satisfaction that I have received the message which the representatives of the British Commonwealth assembled in Conference on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation as their first official act have addressed to me, and I greatly appreciate their kindly references to my restoration to health. I shall follow with interest their discussions, and trust that they may lead to an ever closer association of all parts of my dominions. The Queen joins with me in thanking them for their good wishes.

“ GEORGE R.I.”