

First Day.
15 April 1907.
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ARRANGEMENT
OF BUSINESS.
(Mr. Deakin.)

Dr. JAMESON : That would be thoroughly satisfactory. The only thing I feel, with Mr. Deakin and Sir Joseph Ward, is, that people would be very well satisfied if they got a short précis every day of some kind or another.

Mr. DEAKIN : Otherwise, they lose touch with it altogether, and we have to begin all over again.

Sir JOSEPH WARD : They look for something.

Mr. DEAKIN : We live in the light of a publicity which you gentlemen are hardly accustomed to.

Dr. JAMESON : Still more important than anything else is what Sir Wilfrid Laurier says—that that White-Book, not the Blue-Book, should be published immediately after the Conference in full. That is the most important of all.

Mr. F. R. MOOR : You do not mean that particular book there—the past Conference—but the present one.

Dr. JAMESON : No; on those lines.

CHAIRMAN : I understand, at any rate, that there is an agreement that we shall not have a verbatim report each day.

Mr. DEAKIN : I am in a hopeless minority.

Dr. JAMESON : Another thing is, we cannot get it.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : I think the suggestion made on the last occasion in the words of Mr. Chamberlain is the best one, and I see no reason to depart from it.

CHAIRMAN : This is an illustration of what was done at the Shipping Conference the other day (*indicating a newspaper paragraph*).

Dr. JAMESON : I think a very short précis might very well be trusted to be given each day.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : We might perhaps, compromise upon that.

CHAIRMAN : That there is to be a précis?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : Yes.

CHAIRMAN (*to Sir Francis Hopwood*) : Will you undertake to prepare a précis?

Sir FRANCIS HOPWOOD : I shall be very happy to try at the end of each day's proceedings.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : We can see how that works without coming to a formal conclusion at this moment.