Minutes of Proceedings at a Discussion between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Others representing His Majesty's Treasury and certain Members of the Conference.

25 April 1907.

HELD AT THE TREASURY, WHITEHALL, THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1907.

PRESENT:

- The Honourable Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of 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).
- General the Honourable Louis Botha, Prime Minister of the Transvaal.
- The Right Honourable H. H. Asquith, K.C., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- The Right Honourable W. E. MACARTNEY (Deputy Master of the Mint).
- Mr. Walter Runciman, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.
- Sir E. W. Hamilton, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., Permanent Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Auditor of the Civil List.
- Sir George Murray, K.C.B., Permanent Administrative Secretary to the Treasury.
- Sir Henry Primrose, K.C.B., C.S.I., Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.
- Mr. W. Blain, C.B., and other Officials of the Treasury.

Mr. G. W. Johnson, C.M.G., Joint Secretary.

DOUBLE INCOME TAX.*

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER: I thought that, perhaps, Double Income the most convenient point to begin with, subject to your opinion, was the double payment of income tax. It touches you most, Dr. Jameson, and you also, Mr. Deakin.

Dr. JAMESON: Very much indeed, and it will affect General Botha very much more than it does us, or will presently.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER: It does not just now, Dr. Jameson; perhaps you had better open that topic if it is convenient to you.