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Revision of Commercial Treaties. (Mr. Deakin.) "the obligations imposed, on the Colonies by existing commercial treaties, "and that inquiries be instituted in connection with the revision proposed "in resolution No. V., to ascertain how far it is possible to make those "obligations and benefits uniform throughout the Empire."

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: You refer in that to resolution No. V. What is resolution No. V.?

Mr. DEAKIN: That would not stand yet.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: We had better have that in blank.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE: Yes, that goes out.

Resolution XI., p. viii.

Mr. DEAKIN: Take out the words "with the revision proposed in "Resolution No. V." When that is done I think we should either bring up the part of resolution No. V alluded to under the resolution of the Government of New Zealand, or if Sir Joseph Ward prefers, I will move it now independently.

After further discussion in private, on resuming:

CHAIRMAN: Lord Tweedmouth is waiting to deal with Naval Defence, and this present discussion may last some time.

Sir JOSEPH WARD: I think it would be better to postpone this, and hear Lord Tweedmouth now.

Mr. DEAKIN: Certainly.