

day by the representatives who came in here to see me, I cannot help thinking we did rather well.

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Mr. DEAKIN : You did exactly what they expected you to do. I do not say you did badly on that account.

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CHAIRMAN : I do not think Mr. Deakin will want me to say more upon the subject of that particular Convention.

CHAIRMAN : There is only one other item on the Agenda.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : I am not prepared to take up any other point now.

CHAIRMAN : Could we dispose of this in 10 minutes ?

Mr. DEAKIN : I do not think so. I want to say something with regard to the interchange of officers and the questions arising out of that.

CHAIRMAN : Of course, I am in your hands entirely. In the despatch with regard to this Conference, it was assumed that the members coming from beyond the seas would wish to separate by the end of four weeks. We have now reached that point, and I have done my best to finish, and have brought you very near it. If, however, it is more convenient to finish by having another meeting, we can meet again on Monday morning.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : I think it would be advisable.

Dr. JAMESON : Yes.

CHAIRMAN : General Botha will be gone; but I do not know that anybody else will.

Sir JOSEPH WARD : Is it understood that we close the Conference on Monday.

Dr. SMARTT : Would not Tuesday do instead of Monday, would it ?

CHAIRMAN : As far as I am concerned, I am entirely at your disposal, as I have been throughout. Is Tuesday more convenient ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER : To me Tuesday and Monday are the days that would be convenient. Dr. Smartt has just expressed a preference for Tuesday, and I am willing to agree to that.

Sir WILLIAM LYNE : It would suit me much better, too.

CHAIRMAN : Then we will make it 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

Adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.
