

11th Day.]

[19 June, 1911.]

THERE WERE ALSO PRESENT :

Lord LUCAS, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies ;
 Sir FRANCIS HOPWOOD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies ;
 Mr. H. LAMBERT, C.B., Colonial Office ;
 Sir H. LLEWELLYN SMITH, K.C.B., Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade ;
 Sir WALTER HOWELL, K.C.B., Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trade ;
 Captain Sir A. J. G. CHALMERS, Board of Trade ;
 Mr. A. LAW, C.B., Foreign Office ;
 Sir H. H. RISLEY, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., India Office ;
 Mr. J. PEDDER, Home Office ;
 Rear-Admiral Sir CHARLES OTTLEY, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Secretary to the Committee of Imperial Defence ;
 Mr. ATLEE A. HUNT, C.M.G., Secretary to the Department of External Affairs, Commonwealth of Australia ;
 Mr. J. R. LEISK, Secretary for Finance, Union of South Africa ; and
 Private Secretaries to Members of the Conference.

CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, the Resolution* by the Government of New Zealand which appeared on the Agenda issued on Saturday, as to coloured races being encouraged to remain domiciled within their own zone, is withdrawn by Sir Joseph Ward ; he does not want to discuss it.

Sir JOSEPH WARD: I propose, instead of moving a formal Resolution, to refer to it on the question which is before us to-day.

“That the self-governing oversea Dominions have now reached a stage of development when they should be entrusted with wider legislative powers in respect to British and foreign shipping.”

CHAIRMAN: As to the Resolution of New Zealand, which appears first to-day on the corrected Agenda, as to British and Foreign Shipping, I understand that it would be for the convenience of Sir Joseph Ward and probably of the Conference, that Lord Crewe should open by making some general remarks on Indians within the Dominions.

EARL OF CREWE: Mr. Harcourt, I understand it is desired that at the beginning of the proceedings I should make a few general observations as to the principles upon which this question of Indian emigration and immigration into the Dominions is founded. Perhaps I may begin by asking for some measure of indulgence from the Conference, because I have been away from my work for some time owing to an illness from which I am happy to say I am beginning to recover, but which has laid me by for some little time. I may, therefore, I am sure, claim the indulgence of the members of the Conference.

* See page 279.