

11th Day.]

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

[19 June, 1911.]

CHAIRMAN: The result is that New Zealand and Canada vote for the Resolution, and the other four parties to the Conference abstain.

12. UNIFORMITY IN IMMIGRATION AND ALIENS EXCLUSION LAW.

That it is in the best interests of the Empire that there should be more uniformity throughout its centres and dependencies in the law of . . . immigration, alien exclusion.

CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to move Resolution No. 12 now, Sir Joseph, or is it sufficiently covered by the discussion we have had?

Sir JOSEPH WARD: With the concurrence of the Conference, I would be glad if Resolution No. 12 were altered slightly. Before the word "immigration" in the last line I would like to put in the word "alien" and strike out the word between "immigration" and "exclusion." It would read then: "That it is in the best interests of the Empire that there should be more uniformity throughout its centres and dependencies in the law of alien immigration exclusion." I desire that to be referred to the Commission to which the Conference has agreed, in order that they may inquire into it as they move around the Dominions.

CHAIRMAN: That would be a very reasonable method of dealing with this subject. It is obviously one of much detail and could well be considered on the spot when the Commission is moving round the Empire. Is that agreed to by the Conference?

Mr. FISHER: Quite. May I say, as you are referring to it, that the words should be "it is desirable." It is very much too mandatory otherwise.

Sir JOSEPH WARD: "And it is therefore desirable that it be referred to the Royal Commission?"

Mr. FISHER: I think so, it softens the blow a bit.

CHAIRMAN: You would put in: "And it is therefore desirable that it be referred to the Royal Commission."

[AGREED.]

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AWARDS.

That the Imperial Government should consider, in concert with the Dominion Governments, whether, and to what extent, and under what conditions, it is practicable and desirable to make mutual arrangements with a view to the enforcement in one part of the Empire of commercial arbitration awards given in another part.

CHAIRMAN: I will ask the Attorney-General to deal with the next Resolution on Commercial Arbitration Awards, which will only take a few minutes.

Mr. BUXTON: I ought to have been in the Chair at that particular Sub-Conference, but I think the members know I had unfortunately to be present at a Debate in the House of Commons when some matters were being raised on my Vote, and therefore, I asked the Attorney-General to kindly take the Chair.

Sir RUFUS ISAACS: The resolution which is on the Agenda was passed by the Committee, but there was some discussion in reference to it, and some suggestions were made. I have incorporated those in an amended resolution which I now propose to the Conference, deleting the words at the end: "commercial arbitration