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REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION.

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION, GENEVA, 3rd to 23rd JUNE, 1937.

REPORT OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATION.

The Right Hon. the Prime Minister,—

I have the honour to transmit herewith report on the proceedings of the twenty-third session of the International Labour Conference, held at Geneva from 3rd to 23rd June, 1937.



Minister of Labour.

REPORT.

The names of the New Zealand delegates and of an adviser which were communicated to the International Labour Office in terms of paragraph 6 of Article 3 of the Constitution and Standing Orders of the International Labour Organization, were as under :—

Government Delegate.—The Hon. H. T. Armstrong, Minister of Labour and Minister of Immigration. *Adviser:* Mr. W. J. Shanly.

Workers' Delegate.—Mr. E. J. Dash, President of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of New Zealand.

Employers' Delegate.—Mr. W. E. Anderson, Secretary of the Auckland Employers' Association.

The Government members of the delegation sailed from Wellington on the 6th April, and reached London, *en route* to Geneva, on the 11th May.

At London information was received from the Prime Minister that notification had been sent by him to the International Labour Office of an alteration in the status of the adviser to second Government delegate.

The Government delegates departed from London for Geneva on the 22nd May, and arrived at Geneva the following day.

Pending the commencement of the International Labour Conference on the 3rd June, the Government delegates were attached to the New Zealand delegation to the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations convened for the purpose of considering the request of Egypt for admission to the League.

The Conference held its first sitting on the 3rd June, and its final sitting on the 23rd June.

The Conference hall was the Bâtiment Electoral, 24 Rue Général-Dufour, but it is expected that a hall will be completed in the new League of Nations building in time for the 1938 Conference.

Of the 62 member States of the organization, 53 were represented at the Conference.

There were 101 Government delegates and 97 advisers, 38 employers' delegates and 73 advisers, and 36 workers' delegates and 85 advisers, a total of 430 delegates and advisers. In addition, many of the delegations were accompanied by secretaries and other staff.