

Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. S. M. Lanigan-O'Keeffe, C.M.G., High Commissioner in London.

The Right Hon. Sir Halford Mackinder, Chairman of the Imperial Shipping Committee.

Sir Campbell Stuart, K.B.E., Chairman of the Imperial Communications Advisory Committee.

Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Mr. Neville Wright, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Imperial Agricultural Bureaux.

The delegates were attended by advisers, secretaries, and personal staffs, a list of whom is printed in Appendix I.

SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE.

Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Secretary to the Conference.

Sir Harry Batterbee, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Deputy Secretary to the Conference.

Sir R. B. Howorth, K.C.M.G., C.B., Administrative Secretary to the Conference.

Mr. L. B. Pearson, O.B.E. (Canada).

Mr. F. Strahan, C.V.O., C.B.E. (Commonwealth of Australia).

Mr. C. A. Berendsen, C.M.G. (New Zealand).

Dr. H. D. J. Bodenstein (Union of South Africa).

Mr. W. Christie, M.C. (India).

Mr. J. R. Adlam (Southern Rhodesia).

Mr. P. G. E. Nash (Burma).

The opening and closing plenary meetings of the Conference were held in Queen Anne's room, St. James's Palace. The general direction of the work of the Conference was conducted at meetings of principal delegates held at No. 10 Downing Street, and in the room of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom at the House of Commons. These meetings were normally attended by the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa, and the Secretary of State for India as head of the Indian delegation, accompanied by other delegates and advisers according to the nature of the subjects under discussion. Committees were set up both at the full Conference and at the meetings of principal delegates.

On the motion of the Prime Minister of Canada, seconded by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom was asked to take the chair at the meetings of the Conference and of the principal delegates.

Mr. Baldwin, as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, accordingly presided at the opening plenary meeting of the Conference and at meetings of the principal delegates up to the 27th May, the last occasion on which the delegates met before Mr. Baldwin retired from office. On the conclusion of the meeting on that day the Dominion Prime Ministers and Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, on behalf of the Indian delegation, expressed their great regret that that was the last occasion on which Mr. Baldwin would preside over the Imperial Conference. References were made to the great part which he had played in the Imperial Conferences of 1923 and 1926, and the Prime Ministers of the Dominions and Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan conveyed to him the good wishes of the delegations. Regret was also expressed at the retirement of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who had presided over the 1930 conference.

Subsequent meetings of the principal delegates and the final plenary session of the Conference were presided over by Mr. Neville Chamberlain. At the meeting of the principal delegates on the 31st May Mr. Chamberlain was congratulated on his assumption of office as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and welcomed, as Chairman of the Imperial Conference during its remaining stages, by the Dominion Prime Ministers and Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan.