

The occasion of the Conference

As hostilities continued, it became obvious that the great changes the war was bringing about would make it difficult to revert to the financial relationships which had existed <sup>when</sup> ~~at the time~~ the war-time tax agreements had been entered into. That was the first and main reason which necessitated the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference. A second reason was that the relationships between the Dominion and the provinces before the war had been far from satisfactory. In fact, the problem of Dominion-Provincial relations was one to which serious and urgent attention was being given when the war itself broke out. ] [For some time before the war <sup>ended</sup> ~~concluded~~ there was a growing appreciation of the complexity and difficulty of the situation through which the world would pass in the period of transition from war to peace. Chaotic conditions in the world, difficulties in the way of re-establishing ordinary peace-time markets and shortages of supplies of all kinds were to be anticipated. In the face of this prospect, Dominion and provincial governments alike recognized the need of finding practicable means of establishing a satisfactory basis of Dominion-Provincial co-operation, which, for the period of transition,