

absolutely antagonistic. Alluding to the paragraph in the report which dealt with the question of the seal fisheries in the Behring Sea, he believed that it indicated, in a very compendious way, the inconveniences of the present arrangement. The questions referred to brought to the front, in a manner which no one could ignore, the fact that the foreign policy of the Empire was guided by home parties alone, without any control or without any advice except that which was sought for privately and indirectly from the great colonial portions of the Empire.

Lord Rosetery concluded by pointing out that the meeting would seek in vain for any scheme of Imperial Federation in the report. Such a scheme would never be produced by any private society. But he might sum up their beliefs in a sentence by saying that they sought to base the Empire on a co-operative principle. At present the Empire was carried on successfully owing to the energies of the governing race, which ruled in but a haphazard and inconsequential manner. Each day had seen, however, the approach of a better and more regular state of things; and such improvement would have to be the object of the society, however long it might last.

There was a large attendance, and those present included the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Stratheden and Campbell, Lord Brassey, Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir Charles Tupper (High Commissioner for Canada), the Right Hon. G. Osborne Morgan, M.P., Mr. Morine, M.L.A., and Mr. Scott, M.L.A. (delegates from Newfoundland), Sir James Winter, K.C.M.G., Sir John Simon, Sir W. Mackinnon, Sir Daniel Cooper, Sir T. Fowell-Buxton, General Lowry, C.B., Sir Rawson W. Rawson, Sir Henry de Villiers (Cape Colony), Colonel Sir Charles Nugent, Sir Charles Nicholson, Hon. John B. Watt, M.L.C. (New South Wales), Sir George D. Harris, Sir Francis V. Smith, General Sir Gerald Graham, V.C., Sir John Pope Hennessy, Sir Frederick Young, Sir Henry Barkly, Sir Henry Doulton, the Hon. J. A. Brassey, Mr. G. R. Parkin, Mr. J. J. Fellows (Agent-General for New Brunswick), Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton, M.P., Mr. R. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., Mr. Hugh Watt, M.P., Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., Mr. A. Staveley Hill, M.P., Mr. E. W. Beckett, M.P., Mr. E. Heneage, M.P., Colonel Henry Blundell, C.B., M.P., Mr. T. H. Baylis, Q.C., Mr. J. Williams Benn, L.C.C., Mr. W. M. Acworth, L.C.C., Mr. John G. Rhodes, L.C.C., Mr. Frank Debenham, L.C.C., Mr. Peter Redpath (Canada), Colonel J. Watts (Bombay Staff Corps), Colonel Innes, Mr. C. P. Davis (Melbourne), and Colonel G. T. Denison, the special representative of the Imperial Federation League in Canada.

The report recorded steady and unremitting progress as the history of the work during the past year. The proposal made by Sir Charles Tupper at the annual dinner of the League in June, that a second conference of the representatives of the self-governing Colonies should be held, was promptly acted upon. Communications were opened between the President and the Prime Minister with a view to a deputation from the League waiting upon the latter. After some correspondence, in the course of which Lord Salisbury

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