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# **British Empire** Service League

(Continued)

The Conference of the British Em- who seemed touched by the warmth be achieved for the benefit of ex-solpire Service League opened on Mon- and expressed his warm gratitude for diers and the wider interests of the day, June 29th, and it was a brilliant the reception and the real pleasure Empire as a whole. assemblage which greeted the Field it gave him to be in Canada and meet Marshal on his arrival. At the main so many officers with whom he had to Premier King and Speaker Lemieux door of the Parliament Buildings he served in France. He said the League for their words of welcome and his was received by the Speaker, the had before it a "splendid opportunity appreciation of the welcome he had clerks and the Sergeant-at-Arms of providing we are non-political and the House of Commons in their offic- non sectarian." He outlined briefly so many delegates at the conference ial robes and the golden mace was the programme of the Conference. carried in the procession-a most rare event outside the proceedings of Parliament itself. There was an entire absence of military display, however, all of the main officers present being in civilian attire.

The distinguihed soldier and Lady Lady Haig were escorted to the spacious railway committee room of the House, acompanied by the Deputy Governor-General, Chief Justice Anglin, the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, another and to promote a spirit of Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Sir George Perley and Hon. H. S. Beland.

In the audience, besides the delegates to the conference, were many of the official set and society of the capital, including the Consul General of the United States, China and Japan, Several Judges of the Supreme Court, the head of the Railway Commission and officers of the headquarters staff.

# The Official Welcome.

An eloquent welcome was extended by Speaker Lemieux, who eulogized Speaker Lemieux welcomed the delethe Field Marshal and hoped that gates on behalf of the Parliament of great benefits might accrue from the Canada. He paid a glowing tribute during the past year show that we gathering to the Service men who to Earl Haig, "who has been the forehave survived and the dependents of most leader in war and who continues those who have fallen. And the Prime to devote a still abounding energy to Minister, giving the official welcome the work of re-establishing on firmer ideals, that of encouraging migration of the Government and people of foundations that peace which our sol- throughout the Empire. Much prac-Canada, conveyed the greeting of the diers have won and which all lovers tical assistance you will see has been Governor-General and his regret that of humanity wish to maintain." a tour arranged many months ago | The speaker referred to plans for prevented his presence. In eloquent a war memorial in Ottawa. Other but much remains still to be done and

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of greater good well may be furthered by the meeting."

The applause was sustained. Ovation To Earl Haig.

An ovation was accorded Lord Haig.

# From the King.

The message from the King read as

"I am glad to hear that you are pre-Empire Service League in Canada, War. Please assure all present of my unabated interest in their welfare, prosperity and happiness. Such meetings, I am sure, help to bring all old comrades of the battlefield nearer to one unity and lasting fellowship through-

out the Empire. I trust you will have a successful and representative con-From the Prince. The message from the Prince of Wales, dated at Johannesburg, read: is the establishment of the League it-"My grateful thanks to you and the self and so our first ideal, that of undelegates for birthday congratulat- ity, even more than that of charity,

> (Signed) EDWARD P." Speaker's Tribute.

In opening the proceedings, Mr.

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prevented his presence. In eloquent a war memorials would be preserved in the terms Mr. King praised the Field Marmemorials would be preserved in the I hope that after full discussion this fore by the constituent organizations.

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morials would be a lasting inspira-Mr. King's Welcome.

Premier King warmly welcomed all the delegates and added his tribute to Earl Haig. The Field Marshal's high praise of the Canadian troops, included in his public speech on Sunday, would be preserved as one of the most precious records in Canadian history, he said. He believed the conference would be of great value not only to the ex-Service men but to all Canadians and to the Empire generally. To the delegates he urged that they keep "the vision splendid" and go forward in their labors for the preserving of peace which they had fought

## Room For More Progress.

Earl-Haig said that satisfactory progress had been made by the League in the last two years. There was room for further progress and ampler development and this he felt sure would

He expressed his warmest thanks received in Ottawa. The presence of showed that there was whole-hearted support for the noble objects and ideals of the League and this inspired him to feel that ex-Service men were ually prevent the initiation of such ready to give to the prosecution of its schemes aims that loyal and devoted service siding at a conference of the British which distinguished our armies in the into existing and future schemes and

# Splendid Opportunity.

"We have indeed a splendid opportunity before us as a League," continued Earl Haig, "provided always that we strictly adhere to the fundamental principles on which we started, namely, that we are non-political and non-sectarian. As at our last conference two years ago, I emphasized three words as our ideal: unity, comradeship and peace. The paramount task of this league, of course, ions. All good wishes for a sucessful must begin at home. It is quite impossible to expect to have a successful Imperial organization unless each of the constituent organizations is united with the others.

# Pressing to Unity.

"I am glad to say that our records are regularly and steadily pressing forward to greater unity. There is another great object included in our given to ex-Service men desiring to future welfare of migrants. migrate throughout our great Empire, shal and hoped that "the larger aim Parliament Buildings not only in the conference will record the decisions at which it arrives in no uncertain terms. I feel confident that whatever decisions you may come to success can only be achieved provided our actions are carried out in a spirit of true must really make a serious effort to help migrants in their country and arrange to look after them until they have made good."

# Welcome to U. S. Head.

Commander of the American Legion. "If," added Lord Haig, "we who speak in the name of the ex-Service shall be established in the various Domen's organizations of the Empire minions and Colonies by the Local work hand in hand with the ex-Ser- Boards hereinafter called the Local vice men's organization, the great Office. American Legion, if we work hand in hand with those ideals we already or Local Office may, at the discretion share, I can see no influence which of the constituent organizations and we may together exert for the advan- with the consent of the Headquarters tage of the English-speaking com- Board, be set up in any Dominion. Size munities to the good of the whole of Board left to Executive Council.

# For United Organization.

Lord Haig closed with a further appeal for unity. He was gratified, he said, to note that the ideals of the British Empire Service League were already well supported in Canada and, 2. The Local Boards shall be he added: "I hope that before long we can hail one united organization in ations but will correspond direct with

Canada." After the election of Chairman T. R. was taken up, consisting of discussion on reports, resolutions, constitution, etc. In the afternoon a resolution bearing on the League of Nations in which the B. E. S. L. affirmed its belief in and support of that body was discused and carried unanimously. Many resolutions bearing on important matters were introduced. Outstanding amongst which was one dealing with Migration within the Empire, as follows:

"That this Conference, while ap preciating the good work done by ies interested in immigration and

lctory Tower but on the many pan- recognizing the potential value of the liments of the House yet to schemes initiated by the Overseas Setbe carved. He thought that a lasting tlement Board, places on record its morial to the present conference profound disappointment at the rehight very well be included. These sults achieved and, further, being deeply impressed, on the one hand, ion to the country's law-makers and by the economic conditions obtaining when the chimes had been installed in Great Britain and, on the other in the Victory Tower, the city would hand, by the need both in the interresound with the reveille of our beoved dead."

Stress Welcome.

Wr. King's Welcome.

ests of security and development of
an increased population in some of
the outlying Dominions, re-affirms its belief in migration on organised lines.

(a) It therefore endorses the action of the Headquarters Committee in inviting the various constituent organisations of the League to undertake an active enquiry into the development of the Empire and the speeding up of Migration, on the lines laid down in the report.

(b) And further resolves that an Empire Migration Department be set up by the B. E. S. L. which shall, on the information received in the reports from constituent organisations, and as a result of their own investigations, decide on a policy directed towards the speeding up of migration, such policy to be confirmed by the Headquarters Committee and also the means whereby to give it effect.'

After considerable discussion a Sub Committee was appointed which drafted the following report and was adopted unanimously by the Conference.

### Migration Department Object. The object of the Department will

ly successful schemes of development. 2. To ascertain and note such obstacles as may either impede or act-

3. To watch and carefully enquire proposals whether of Government, Public Body, Company or private individual origin with a view to noting the factors which either lead to success or conduce to failure in such schemes and to act generally as an Advisory Board to Headquarters and constituent organizations in all matters concerning migration.

4. To bring to the notice of those concerned as aforesaid and also to make publicly known all such information as they may possess in connec tion with, or incidental to all matters affecting migration.

The following matters are expressly excluded as not coming within the scope of the migration Department, a) Such Department will have noth-

ing to do with the initiation or execution of any scheme, nor will it assume any financial responsibility as to any such schemes. (b) It will not enter into any en-

gagement with any possible migrant nor concern itself with the recruiting or selection of migrants. (c) It will not undertake the duties of welcoming or providing for the

It is considered that these matters can be better carried out as hereto-

# Organization.

ment to consist of:-

1. A. B. E. S. L. Migration Board Offices and Boards. appointed ad hoc by the Headquarters comradeship. Our several branches Advisory Board. The Board shall be chain of responsibility and communi- Council. established in London.

2. The Headquarteres Migration Office of the B. E. S. L. hereinafter called

the Headquarters Office. up by the constituent organisations be carried out by the Headquarters Earl Haig extended a special wel- of the B. E. S. L in the various Do- and Local Offices. The Headquarters come to James A. Drain, National minions and Colonies, hereinafter

> called the Local Board. 4. Local Migration Offices which

Chain of Responsibilities and Com-

munications.

(N.B)-More than one Local Board

1. The Headquarters Office shall be responsible to the Headquarters Boards. Such officials shall be full

sponsible to their respective organisthe Headquarters Board.

3. Local Offices shall be responsible Lister, the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince to Local Boards, but they will corresof Wales ,and Grand President Field pond direct with the Headquarters Of-Marshal Earl Haig, were unanimously fice on all matters, except matters of re-elected. The election of Empire Pre- policy, for which Boards are solely residents and Vice-Presidents was then sponsible; the Local Board's interpreformally proposed by Lt. C. F. Garland, tation of the term "Policy" is final. Newfoundland, and seconded by W. A. Local Offices shall, however, be kept Gutzell, Malaya, following which the fully appraised of all policy communigeneral business of the Conference cations addressed by the Local Boards to the Headquarters Board.







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# Duties.

1. All those matters suggested in the "Rough Draft" (attached) as be-3. Local Migration Boards to be set ing the object of the Department shall Office shall be responsible for the co-

ordination of the work. 2. All those matters reserved in the "Rough Draft" shall be carried out, when applicable, by the constituent Members, through the agency of their Local Boards, or such machinery as the resolution from the G. W. V. A. which included closer co-operation be they shall, at their discretion, set up. of Newfoundland perhaps deserves tween the Overseas Dominions and They shall correspond direct with each other and with the Headquarters

Board on such matters. The Headquarters Office and Local Offices shall consist of official Mantime paid officials and the staff full

or part time paid staff. Finance It is estimated that at least £25,000 per annum would be required to finsance the Department. Salaries, Staff, that the Imperial Government be approached with reference to the reproached with reference to calculated at £20,000. This leaves only £5,000 to be expended on propa-

ganda Organized as a "thinking" Department too much stress cannot be laid on the fact that only first class brains will achieve the object. One such brain will be required in the Headquarters Office and one at the head of each

local office. First class brains cost money. £14,-500 has been allocated out of the £20,000 towards their salaries.

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The Sub Committee considers that if The resolution was proposed by H. fices or Boards inter se, and between the report is adopted the question of W. Quinton (Newfoundland) and se how to raise the money necessary onded by Andrew Young (Scotland) A Graph is attached showing the should be referred to the Advisory It was spoken to by Lieut.-Commander

was also introduced in which the glorious tribute to their heroism splendid work done by these various splendid qualities. The resolution w bodies was enthusiastically referred carried amidst great enthusiasm. to, with a view to their general es- | The Conference terminated tablishment throughout the Empire. Thursday, July 2nd, and in the word Twenty-one resolutions were discus- of the Field Marshal, "Loyalty, Com full:-

of the British Empire, for which so sand every dominion and colony." many of our Comrades laid down their agers or Secretaries, who shall be as-lives, is dependent upon the feelings sisted by such Staff as is deemed ne-of mutual understanding, confidence the Earl was proposed by Captain Iar cessary by the Headquarter or Local and support of its component parts; of this League to foster such relation- C. F. Garland, Newfoundland.

a Royal Naval Reserve Unit from the Seamen of Newfoundland, proved a strong link in the chain of Empire; coast. The Newfoundland delegates "Be It Resolved by this Conference, the feelings of kinship

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Nothing in the above shall be under- for it would cease in from 5 to 7 foundland has had the honour to pos-

Paget-Hett, R. N., Major-General Si The closing paragraphs in the re- Andrew Russell of New Zealand, C. F. port of the proceedings are as fol- Garland and others. Lieut.-Com. Paget-Hett who was closely in touch A resolution dealing with Women's with the Newfoundland Naval Reserv Sections of Constituent Organizations men during the time of war, paid

sed and other miscellaneous business, radeship and the strengthening of the which owing to it great volume, will ties of Empire were in the forefron not permit fuller review here-but of the programme. A programme special mention, which is quoted in the Old Country; and also what is of lequal importance, closer co-operation "Whereas the unity and solidarity and greater reciprocity between ea

The various votes of thanks w "And Whereas it is the main object | MacKenzie, Canada, and seconded by The party left by special train or

returned from Winnipeg. The kindly and, loyalty out the tour, and the Newfoundland with the Imperial Service which New- delegates feel that a great debt o gratitude is owed to our big Canadian sister dominion for the many courtesies extended. Reference was he made to the splendid work of Lieut. Col. Nangle who organized the tour and who is now A. D. C. to Field Marshal Earl Haig. Many Newfound landers were met throughout the tou who although domiciled in Canada were still deeply interested in the we fare of their native land. At Nort Sydney the delegates were met by th genial A. W. Shano of the Newfound land Postal Service, who did much make their brief stay there one pleasure. In all the delegates cover over 6,000 miles and were enabled see many points of interest in th

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