

and we propose to arrange that all matters of first-rate importance should be considered at a series of special meetings. Nothing affecting the Dominions, the conduct of the war, or the negotiations of peace will be excluded from its purview."

"In connection with the present Conference being held at Washington, Canada has been given a place, as of right, at that Conference. Mr. Balfour, in his interview upon landing at Halifax, said:

"I think of it as your mission as well as ours. I trust that a representative from Canada will join me in Washington."

"In the official statement given out at Ottawa with reference to this meeting, it is pointed out that: "One purpose of the Conference is to collaborate plans and co-ordinate resources, both of man power and material, which shall best effect the speedy and successful conclusion of the war. The British Mission numbers among its members two representatives of the Canadian Government—the Right Honourable Sir George Foster and the Honourable Sir Thomas White, who have been appointed by His Majesty's Government."

"The statement goes on to point out that the precedent some time since set by the British Government, of recognizing the Overseas Dominions as integral parts of the Empire, has been followed in this case; that in the Economic Conference in Paris last June, the British delegation of four comprised Lord Crewe, Mr. Bonar Law, Sir George Foster, and Premier Hughes, and further calls attention to what I have already pointed out, that at the War Conference now proceeding in London, the Overseas Dominions and India are represented, and have equal voice in Council and conclusion.

"If we accept the responsibility of taking part in the deliberations and becoming responsible for the conclusions and judgments of the British Government in war matters in all their different phases, including negotiations for peace, does it not follow that some organization must be completed, some plans devised, to give effect to the judgments arrived at with the advice and approval of representatives of Overseas Dominions?

"The Prime Ministers of the principal Overseas Dominions appear to be in accord not only in favouring a reorganization