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## AUSTRALIANS HERE FOR CONFERENCE

Senator Wilson and Customs Collector-General  
Land in Canada

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 4.—(Star Special.)—Hon. R. G. Wilson and Hon. R. McK. Oakley, members of the Australian Government, arrived in Halifax today on the steamer Doric from London and left this afternoon for Montreal.

Hon. Mr. Wilson, member of the Australian Senate, is Minister of Health and Immigration, and is chairman of the Australian division of the British Empire Exhibition, which is to be held in London this year. Major Oakley, who is accompanied by his wife, is Collector-General of Customs for Australia.

Both were in London for the Imperial Conference and the Economic Conference which followed, and had remained on other business relating to interests of the Antipodean Commonwealth. They are on their way to Ottawa to discuss with the Canadian Government important matters relative to the trade relations between Canada and Australia. Further than that they did not care to make public the nature of the business, but as the negotiations of a trade reciprocity treaty between the two countries is pending, it is presumed that the nature of the tariff preferences which may be extended by the two self-governing members of the Empire will be among the matters which will receive attention.

After they visit Ottawa, and possibly some other Canadian cities, the Australians plan to visit New York also on business connected with the trade of their country. They will then return to London, probably early in March, to complete the Australian preparations for the opening of the big exhibition at Wembley. The visitors were cordially welcomed to Canada by W. C. Ackers, Collector of Customs for the port of Halifax, who went out to the Doric this morning before it had left quarantine grounds. A private car was awaiting them and was attached to the special train which left this afternoon for Montreal.

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