

instance, at meetings of Principal Delegates. But it is suggested that the following subjects might be referred forthwith to Committees as indicated:—

Item on Agenda.	Subject.	Chairman.	Suggested Composition of Committee.
(2)	Constitutional Questions ... (Certain matters relating to nationality, treaty procedure, international status and channels of communication)	Canada ...	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, India.
(3) (c)	Shipping Questions ...	New Zealand ...	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, India, Burma.
(3) (d)	Civil Air Communications ...	Australia ...	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, India, Southern Rhodesia, Burma.
(3) (b)	Economic Questions ... (Such as review of the work of the Imperial Economic Committee and other similar bodies)	Union of South Africa	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, India, Southern Rhodesia, Burma.
1	New Hebrides ...	...	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand.
1	Polar ...	...	Representatives of— United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa.

It may possibly be thought desirable at a later stage to refer other subjects to Committees.

It is suggested that, as at previous Conferences, each Committee should have two secretaries, one furnished by the United Kingdom and the other by the Delegation providing the Chairman of the Committee.

#### Principal Delegates Meetings.

3. If the foregoing proposals commend themselves to the Conference, the meetings of Principal Delegates might deal with the main items in the following order:—

- (a) Foreign Affairs.
- (b) Defence.
- (c) General Review of Empire Trade.
- (d) Colonial Affairs.

The meetings will take place in the Cabinet Room at No. 10 Downing Street, or in the case of afternoon meetings, when Parliament is sitting, in the Prime Minister's Room at the House of Commons.

It would appear that a convenient date for the first meeting of Principal Delegates would be Wednesday, the 19th May, in the afternoon.

#### Committees.

4. If the proposals as to Committees set out in paragraph 2 above are approved by the Conference, it would be convenient if each Delegation would send the names of its representatives on the various Committees, as suggested, to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and in any case before 4 P.M. on the 14th May. One or two Committees might meet on Tuesday, the 18th May.

#### Representation of Southern Rhodesia, Burma, Newfoundland, Colonies, &c.

5. It has already been agreed that representatives of Southern Rhodesia and Burma shall take part in the present Conference on the same footing as that of the representatives of Southern Rhodesia at the Imperial Economic Conference held at Ottawa in 1932; that is to say, that they should be present as observers when matters of special concern to them are being discussed, with liberty, by permission of the Conference, to speak at its full meetings and to participate in Committee work. Proposals for the inclusion of representatives of Southern Rhodesia and Burma in certain Committees of the Conference have accordingly been made in paragraph 2 above.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom is charged with the duty of representing certain parts of the Empire not separately represented at the Conference. The Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs will have charge of the interests of Newfoundland, with such advice from the Commission of Government as may be found desirable. The Secretary of State for the Colonies will be in charge of the interests of the Colonies, Protectorates and the United Kingdom Mandated Territories, with such expert assistance as may be found desirable: a memorandum (Paper No. E. (37) 12) has been circulated to the Imperial Conference describing the progress of the Colonial Empire since the last Imperial Conference and dealing with various political and economic problems which arise in connection with individual territories or the Colonial Empire as a whole.

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