

British Cabinet. As I understand it, there is an Imperial War Cabinet, a British War Cabinet and a British Cabinet. What are the functions of the British War Cabinet as distinct from those of the British Cabinet, and the Imperial War Cabinet?

Sir Robert Borden: The Imperial War Cabinet advise the Crown in respect to all matters connected with the prosecution of the war. The British War Cabinet advise the Crown more especially in matters concerning the work of the United Kingdom in the war.

Sir Sam Hughes: That is not the British War Cabinet.

Sir Robert Borden: We call it the British War Cabinet. The "British War Cabinet" and the "British Cabinet" are interchangeable terms. In Great Britain it is called the War Cabinet. I alluded to it as the British War Cabinet for that reason.

Sir Sam Hughes: I understand that ministers who are not members of the British War Cabinet are nevertheless members of a general British Cabinet.

Sir Robert Borden: My hon. friend overlooks the fact that in Great Britain all the members of the Government are not members of the cabinet.

Sir Sam Hughes: I know that.

Sir Robert Borden: The cabinet has been made a very small one of only five members, two of whom have no portfolios.

Sir Sam Hughes: That is the point I want to make clear.

Sir Robert Borden: The other members of the British Government are not members of the British Cabinet, but they are called into consultation in the British Cabinet whenever matters especially concerning their departments come up for consideration. In the future, however, when the British Cabinet will probably be larger than it is today, the Imperial Cabinet will include, not the whole British Cabinet, but certain selected ministers, that is to say: the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for War, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India. They will represent the British Cabinet in the Imperial War Cabinet, and the Dominions will be represented in that cabinet by their Prime Ministers.

As to the Imperial War Conference: some of its deliberations and resolutions are for the present confidential and will not be published at once, but the greater portion has been made