

MEMORANDUM FOR:

W.L.M.K.
THE PRIME MINISTER

I have gone through the books of reference, and I find that of the members of the present British Government and of the delegates from the Dominions and from India to the Imperial Conference, only the Right Honourable Walter Runciman and yourself were Ministers of the Crown during the reign of Edward VII. King Edward VII died on May 6, 1910. Mr. Runciman became President of the Board of Education in 1908. You became Minister of Labour in 1908.

Mr. Hertzog was Minister of Justice in the first Union Cabinet in South Africa from 1910 to 1912 but as the Act bringing the Union into being came into force only on May 31, 1910, he could not have been a Minister of the Crown under Edward VII.

Sir John Simon became Attorney-General in 1913; Mr. Baldwin, President of the Board of Trade in 1921; Mr. Chamberlain, Postmaster General in 1923; Lord Hailsham, Attorney-General in 1922; Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, 1922.

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