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## AUSTRALIAN ENVOYS BEGIN CONFERENCE

Vested With Authority to  
Negotiate for Treaties Sub-  
ject to Ratification

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Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Senator Wilson of Australia and Major Oakley of the Australian Tariff Board, who have come to Ottawa in connection with negotiations for a reciprocal treaty, left tonight for Toronto, where the Senator will address the Empire Club tomorrow, and will spend the rest of the week visiting factories which do or are capable of doing business with Australia. Places to be visited include Toronto, Oshawa, Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Windsor.

The delegation will return to Ottawa on Tuesday, and get down to business after the preliminary interviews are over. Major Oakley was in conference this afternoon with tariff officers of the Government. Earlier in the day the Australian envoys met Hon. Messrs. Robb and Low.

"I have authority to negotiate for, but naturally not to conclude any definite arrangement until my Government is consulted," said Senator Wilson, in an interview. "Of course, anything agreed upon would need ratification by the two Parliaments."

As to the prospects of an agreement and Australia's probable attitude to what is intimated as Canada's proposal—an exchange of preferences—Senator Wilson was not, at this stage, prepared to comment.

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