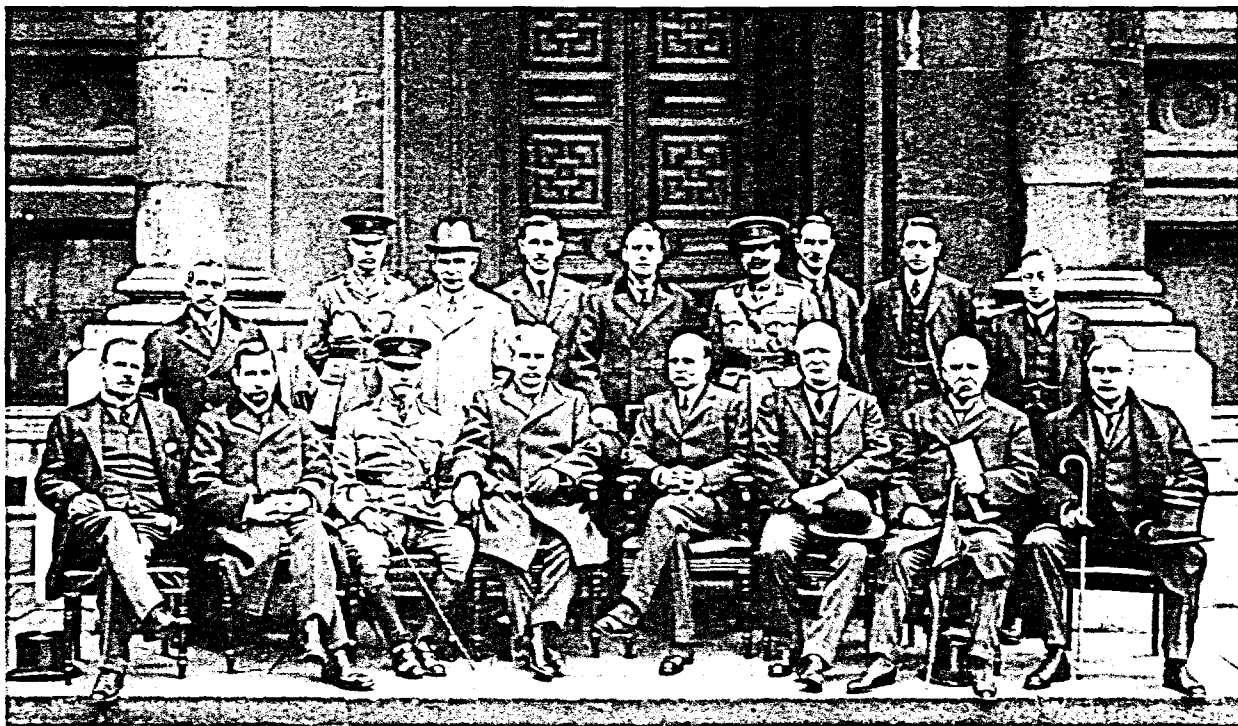




Le premier ministre Robert Borden (assis, quatrième à partir de la gauche) à la Conférence impériale de la guerre, Londres, 1917.

Robert Borden (seated fourth from left) at the Imperial War Conference in London, 1917.

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ous meetings and we have been placed in possession of the confidential and secret reports of the Imperial General Staff and of the Commanders-in-Chief in the various theatres of operations as well as the naval advisers of the Admiralty. Latterly, important questions have been assigned to sub-committees of the Cabinet on each of which Canada is represented. The consideration of these questions involves the examination of an enormous mass of reports and documents as they are often of a complex difficult character and thus have been studied by departmental committees in whose reports much important and valuable information is to be found. Military and naval reports from various theatres of operations and telegrams to the Foreign Office from all parts of the world as to matters of international concern run into hundreds each day. These are all collected in the office of the War Cabinet. Besides the work of the Imperial War Cabinet the Canadian Ministers have been in attendance in the Imperial War Conference which meets on alternate days and which has under consideration questions of the highest importance touching the relations and co-operation of the Mother Country and the various Dominions in the prosecution of the war and during the period of reconstruction. Among such questions are the constitutional development of the Empire, the arrangement for common defence, co-operation in facilities of transportation and communication, suitable arrangements for care of the graves of those who have fallen in the Empire's defence, co-operation as to necessary restriction of export to enemy countries, conservation and utilization of natural resources for national purposes, new considerations with regard to naturalization, migration within the Empire and numerous other matters of common concern....

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