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By George Hambleton, Canadia Press Staff Correspondent.) Ottawa, Ont., July 27.-After five ears, the Imperial Conference meets grave problems for solution. Some are of long standing, for they have been before successive Imperial conferences again and again. Others arise from the War and post-war levelopments, introducing new phases and new situations. And the conterence will meet with a vastly changed personnel. Of the delegates of five years ago, only two-Premier Smuts, of South Africa, and Premier Massey, of New Zealand-will be there in October. The rest have all passed in the eddies and whirlpools

The conference of five years ago was the Imperial War Conference of 1918. That was the last full Imperial Conference. But three years later in 1921 there was a conference of Empire Premiers and even in the two years since elapsed changes have been many. Mr. Lloyd George, who then presided, now takes his seat to the left of Mr. Speaker. Premier Baldwin will preside in his stead. Of the other members of the British delegation, Lord Curzon alone remains. Despite changed premiers, despite changed ministries, Lord Curzon is Foreign Secretary still and CASH'S TOBACCO STORE IS NOW as such will outline to the Conference the foreign policy of the Em-

And in the Dominions changes have come scarcely less rapidly. The place of Mr. Meighen, who represented Canada at the Premiers' conference, will be taken by Mr. Mackenzie King. Mr. Hughes will no longer represent Australia. At the coming conference Premier Bruce will speak for the Commonwealth of the Antipodes. Premier Smuts and Premier Massey-again the only survivorswill once more speak for South Africa and New Zealand respectively. Mr. Montagu, who was secretary for will linger in your memory for many India in 1921, has given way to Viscount Peel. Newfoundland was not represented at the 1921 conference. In 1918 Mr. Lloyd represented Newfoundland.

Within the two years also a new Dominion has come into being. From the troubled pages of Ireland's story, the Irish Free State has arisen with be made in the interval, the Irish State will be represented at an Imperial Conference. And here, it may be observed in passing, the question arises whether the use of the term "Imperial" conference and "Empire" express the changed spirit of the last few years. In the treaty on which the constitution of the Irish Free State is founded the ()-equal nationhood of the Domini as in the British "Commonwealth of Nations" is definitely recognized. Has "Imperial" served its day? Itself it superseded "Colonial"; in turn it may now give way to a broader term.

It is a misnomer perhaps to speak of the coming as an Imperial Conference, for two conferences are to be held simultaneously, attacking different but not less important problems. At the Imperial Conference proper will be taken up the main issues of Imperial policy, foreign af-fairs, defence and the like. The Imperial Economic Conference, on the other hand, will primarily consider the development of inter-Imperial trade. Briefly, and so far as advices to hand indicate, the agenda of the

two conferences will cover: IMPERIAL CONFERENCE. (1) Opening statement of the general position on the main issues of

Imperial policy; (2) Report on foreign affairs since 1921 with consideration of present problems and future policy;

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ficant is it to note the conseque pparently attached to the Eco nference. Here discussion will turn not on constitutional problems and Imperial defence, but on the equally vital questions of recovery rom war, stability in currencies, on the re-establishment of normal con-ditions and on the extension of trade. It is too early yet to attempt to

orecast the trend of conference dis-

eems altogether likely that the main

ons, but at this juncture it

issue before the Imperial conference proper will be that of defence. Constitutional problems and questions no doubt will be discussed. Premier Smuts has intimated that he intends to raise the question of status. His onception of the Empire, he recenttold the House of Assembly of the South African Union, was a "grouping of free states held together by a common allegiance on terms of freedom and equality and operating on a basis of consultation." That was the position he had fought for, he added, and it would be "weak and foolish" to surrender the position for which he had fought. From other parts of the Empire there will no doubt come strong assertions that public opinion is not yet sufficiently ripe nor-so the view is expressedhas there been sufficient discussion in Parliaments and on platforms to warrant, for the time being, any great re-adjustment of constitutionrelations, beyond improved methods of consultation and communication between the different parts of the Empire.

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