

## SECRETARIES NOMINATED BY DELEGATIONS.

*Canada.*—MR. J. S. MACDONALD, Second Secretary, Department of External Affairs.

*United Kingdom.*—MR. R. B. HOWORTH, C.B., C.M.G., Deputy Secretary, Cabinet Office.

*Commonwealth of Australia.*—MR. J. F. MURPHY, Prime Minister's Department.

*New Zealand.*—MR. A. D. PARK, C.M.G., Secretary to Treasury.

*Union of South Africa.*—MR. G. P. JOOSTE, Private Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

*Irish Free State.*—MR. J. V. FAHY, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs.

*Newfoundland.*—MR. W. J. CAREW, Secretary to the Prime Minister.

*India.*—MR. H. A. F. LINDSAY, C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.

*Southern Rhodesia.*—MR. F. M. C. STOKES, Private Secretary to the Premier.

On the opening of the Conference the Secretariat General took over the purely administrative side of its activities, including arrangements for the organization and meetings of committees and sub-committees, the circulation of Agenda, the drafting of reports of proceedings of the various committees and sub-committees and of the Conference itself and their distribution to the various delegations. The visiting delegations were generous in their acknowledgment of the manner in which these duties were carried out, and of the assistance of the Secretariat in the solution of the problems before the Conference.

## OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference was opened by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada who first delivered a gracious message from His Majesty the King, which was in the following terms:—

"My thoughts and prayers are with the delegates of my Governments who are gathered in Conference to-day, to explore the means by which they may promote the prosperity of the Peoples of this great Empire.

"At this Conference you are opening a new page of history, on which within a few weeks will be written the record of a determined effort to solve the difficulties weighing so heavily, not only on us, but upon the whole world. It is my earnest hope that when this Conference rises there will be a record of results worthily reflecting the frankness, the sincerity, and the spirit of helpfulness with which, I feel confident, your deliberations will be conducted.

"The British Empire is based on the principle of co-operation, and it is now your common purpose to give the fullest possible effect to that principle in the economic sphere. By so doing you will set in motion beneficial forces within the British Commonwealth which may well extend their impulse also to the world at large. I pray that you may be given clear insight and strength of purpose for these ends.

GEORGE R.I."

July 21, 1932.

His Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, then welcomed the delegations who had come from Overseas.

On the motion of the Leader of the Delegation of the United Kingdom, seconded by the Leader of the Delegation of Australia, the Prime Minister of Canada was asked to take the Chair at the meetings of the Conference and of the Heads of Delegations.