

FEDERAL RESHUFFLE

PRIME MINISTER REALLOTS PORTFOLIOS

HOPES FOR UNITED PARTY

Double Dissolution Believed to be Imminent

CANBERRA, Today.

Following the reshuffle of the Federal Cabinet the Scullin-Theodore faction has been welded into a homogeneous group amenable to control and comprising a majority of the party.

Notwithstanding the rebellion of the five New South Wales members attached to the repudiation cause, there is more unity in the party at present than at any other time since the return of Mr. J. H. Scullin (Prime Minister) from the Imperial Conference.

However, there is a feeling that the reshuffle has caused heart-burnings which will turn to bitterness, and that further disruption will occur in the party.

The Scullin Ministry has been strengthened in the House of Representatives by the changes. Mr. J. McNeill has definitely thrown in his lot with the dominant faction, thus weakening the right wing with which he was associated during the absence of Mr. Scullin.

Promotion of Mr. J. B. Chifley and Senator J. B. Dooley will strengthen the Ministry. Both are levelheaded and moderate men.

They can be expected to observe the traditions of Cabinet loyalty. Failure to do this was responsible for the defeat of Senator J. J. Daly, who attempted the impossible task of winning the confidence of all factions. Lack of loyalty to Cabinet is wholly responsible for the defeat of Messrs. F. Anstey and J. A. Beasley.

It is felt that a mistake has been made by Caucus in not giving South Australia representation in Cabinet.

The new Ministry will meet the House of Representatives tomorrow. A painful scene is expected if Mr. E. G. Theodore (Treasurer) attempts to speak. A determined effort to silence him will be made by the Opposition.

A double dissolution on the proposed fiduciary issue of £18,000,000 is stated to be imminent.

SEN. BARNES TO BE LEADER IN SENATE

The Prime Minister reallocated portfolios today as follows:—

- Mr. J. H. SCULLIN (Vic.)—Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs, and Minister for Industry.
- Mr. E. G. THEODORE (N.S.W.)—Treasurer.
- Senator J. BARNES (Vic.)—Vice-President of Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- Mr. F. BRENNAN (Vic.)—Attorney-General.
- Mr. A. E. GREEN (W.A.)—Postmaster-General and Minister of Works and Railways.
- Mr. F. M. FORDE (Q.)—Minister of Trade and Customs.
- Mr. A. BLAKELEY (N.S.W.)—Minister of Home Affairs.
- Mr. J. McNEILL (Vic.)—Minister of Health and Repatriation.
- Mr. J. B. CHIFLEY (N.S.W.)—Minister of Defence.
- Mr. PARKER MOLONEY (N.S.W.)—Minister of Markets and Transport.
- Senator J. B. DOOLEY (N.S.W.)—Assistant Minister of Works and Railways.
- Mr. E. J. HOLLOWAY (Vic.)—Assistant Minister of Industry, Science and Development, and Assistant to the Treasurer.
- Mr. C. E. CULLEY (Tas.)—Assistant Minister of Transport and War Service Homes.

They will be sworn in this afternoon.

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AT WORK within a few hours of his arrival from London yesterday—Sir Charles Martin, new Chief of the Animal Nutrition Division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, at his headquarters in the fine laboratory on the Adelaide University grounds.

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WALKS STRAIGHT INTO HARNESS

Nutrition Research Chief

BRILLIANT CAREER

The new chief of the Animal Nutrition Division of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (Sir Charles Martin) began his new work yesterday with characteristic energy and promptitude.

He arrived at the Outer Harbor in the Ceramic at 7.30, held quite a levee of old friends, and yesterday afternoon was at the laboratory at the University picking up the threads of his work.

"The late Professor Brallsford Robertson mapped out a tremendous programme of work," he said when asked about his plans, "and it will take some years to bring that to fruition. Beyond pushing ahead with those investigations I have no definite plans yet."

"The success of much of our work depends on co-ordination with the Waite Research Institute, because many of our investigations concern the nutritive value of plants on which animals feed as much as animals themselves, and the Institute furnishes a wonderful out-of-doors laboratory in which such values can be tested. I look forward to the closest co-operation with the Director of the Institute (Professor Richardson) and his staff."

Knows Australia

Sir Charles is no stranger to Australia, for he has had a long association with Melbourne and Sydney Universities, and, while there, was a visiting examiner at the Adelaide University. An appointment as demonstrator in physiology at Sydney in 1891 was followed by one at Melbourne six years later. Then in 1901 he became professor in the same subject at Melbourne.

An appointment in London followed, and for 30 years Sir Charles was director of the Lister Institute. Until a short time ago he was professor of pathology in the University of London.

"I am looking forward to renewed association with some of the friends of my own generation whom I knew when I was here before," he said, "and I also shall meet hundreds of younger medical men who were students when I was in Melbourne and Sydney."

Co-ordinating Work

There was an endeavor to secure co-operation between all the Dominions in pursuing such investigations as those he would undertake. Sir Charles went on. The Imperial Conference and the recent Wool Conference assisted in that direction. The ideal was for all the investigating councils to know what the others were doing, and to concentrate experiments and enquiries in those countries particularly adapted to them.

Asked about suggestions which emanated from an English professor recently, for the shearing of sheep at six monthly periods, Sir Charles said he had not investigated the question closely, but the crux of the matter seemed to be the expense which the extra shearing would involve. The fleece of the Merino grew evenly, whether it was cut twice or once a year and the shorter staple which would result from two shearings would not be welcomed by some woollen millers.

Quantity and Quality

His investigations would be concentrated on securing the greatest quantity of best quality wool at the least possible expense. An extra pound of fleece might not be worth producing if there were a serious decline in quality.

The real basis of the decline in the popularity and the drop in the prices of wool were women's fashions and the competition of synthetic wool and silk products. The slump had hit fine wool particularly, because although people still wanted woollen blankets and similar articles in the manufacture of which coarser wools could be used, there was a serious decline in the popularity of woollen clothing and underclothing, in which the finer clips were used.

With A.I.F. In War

Sir Charles was overseas with the Australian Army for several years during the war. He was pathologist with the 3rd Australian General Hospital at Lemnos, for which the medical staff was drawn from Australian universities. From there he went to Egypt and the Sinai Desert, between Egypt and Palestine.

A little later he went to France, where he conducted laboratories in the Somme area. His services were recognised by the conferring of a C.M.G.

Lady Martin arrived in Adelaide yesterday with Sir Charles, among those

who greeted them at the Ceramic being the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Sir William Mitchell), and Professor Richardson. Sir Charles's daughter, who married a son of Sir Phillip Gibbs, has followed in her father's footsteps, by taking a physiology course at Cambridge.

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PROF. MELVILLE LENT TO BANK

Wanted in National Crisis

GOES FOR YEAR

Arrangements are being made for the services of Professor Melville, Professor of Economics at the Adelaide University, to be made available in an advisory capacity for the Commonwealth Bank Board for twelve months.

The move on behalf of the board to secure the expert advice of Professor Melville is believed to be part of a comprehensive scheme to obtain the assistance of a number of recognised authorities on economics, finance, and cognate subjects during the period of national crisis.

The Bank Board will provide the professor's salary for the year.

Professor Melville, in addition to his duties at the University, was a member of the State Finance Advisory Committee, and has given valuable assistance to both the State and Federal Governments during the consideration of the economic crisis.



Mr. Biagini at Varsity

It is expected that Mr. Biagini, acting Director of the Workers' Educational Association, will carry on the classes at the University which have been conducted by Professor Melville. Mr. Biagini has been acting in the capacity of Director of the W.E.A. during the absence of Mr. A. G. McKay, who is conducting studies in England. It is not expected that Mr. McKay will return to South Australia to resume his former position, and this announcement will be received with regret by a large number of students who had taken up the study of economics and other subjects under his direction. The absence of both Professor Melville and Mr. McKay will impose specially strenuous duties upon Mr. Biagini.

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To attend a meeting of the executive of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Sir George Julius, Mr. G. Lightfoot, and the chief executive officer (Dr. A. C. D. Rivett) arrived yesterday from Melbourne. They will also welcome and confer with Sir Charles Martin, who arrived from London on Monday to take charge of the animal nutrition division.

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FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The resignation of Professor Melville from the State Finance Advisory Committee has not been received. The services of the professor have been secured for a year by the Commonwealth Bank Board, and it remains to be seen whether it will be necessary for him to dissociate himself entirely from the work of the State committee where his advice has been much valued. The other members of the committee are: Messrs. W. J. Young, J. W. Wainwright, Assistant Auditor-General; R. R. Stuckey, Under Treasurer; and L. C. Hunkin, Public Service Commissioner. Professor Melville's resignation from the Transport Control Board has been received, but in this case frequent meetings and much travelling are involved.