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Mr. Bottomley.

You might put on record that at a recent meeting which Lord Delamere had with the Secretary of State he referred to the following questions:-

(a) The construction of a railway south west from Dodoma to join up with north-eastern Rhodesia, and asked if the Secretary of State knew whether the Schuster Committee were going to recommend this being started out of the £10,000,000 loan, or not.

Mr. Amery replied that he did not think the Committee regarded it as one of the more urgent services to be carried out.

Lord Delamere said that he strongly disagreed and that there was a very strong feeling locally that this should be one of the first projects undertaken.

(b) The question of Federation.

Lord Delamere asked the Secretary of State if he would tell him what his policy was as regards Federation, because he (Lord Delamere) was sure that it must come sooner or later.

Mr. Amery said he did not think that the time was ripe to consider it now and that it was a thing that must come - if it ever came at all - very gradually. He added that his idea was that our present policy should be not to take any step which would finally close the door to Federation, while not taking any active measures to bring it about.

(c) Sir Edward Grigg's return next autumn to discuss questions generally.

Lord Delamere suggested several times to Mr. Amery during the interview that he should send

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