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The Oversea Migration Board was appointed in the Spring of 1953, "to consider and advise the Secretary of State upon specific proposals for schemes of emigration from the United Kingdom to other Commonwealth countries and upon any matter relating thereto which may be referred to it by him." The Board met for the first time in May, 1953, and has so far held eight full meetings and nine sub-committee meetings for the purpose of hearing evidence. Its original members were:—

Mr. John Foster, Q.C., M.P. (Chairman).

The Countess of Bessborough.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.

Mr. Ian Winterbottom, M.P.

Mr. A. D. Dodds-Parker, M.P.*

Mr. R. F. Harrod, F.B.A.

Mr. E. G. W. Hulton.

Mr. T. O'Brien, M.P.

Sir Colin Anderson.

Three new members have since joined:—

Mr. Harmar Nicholls, J.P., M.P.

Mr. James Johnson, M.P.

Mr. W. T. Aitken, M.P.

The Chairman throughout has been Mr. John Foster, Q.C., M.P. (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations) and the joint secretaries have been taken, one from the Commonwealth Relations Office and one from the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

* Mr. Dodds-Parker relinquished his membership of the Board on being appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.

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