

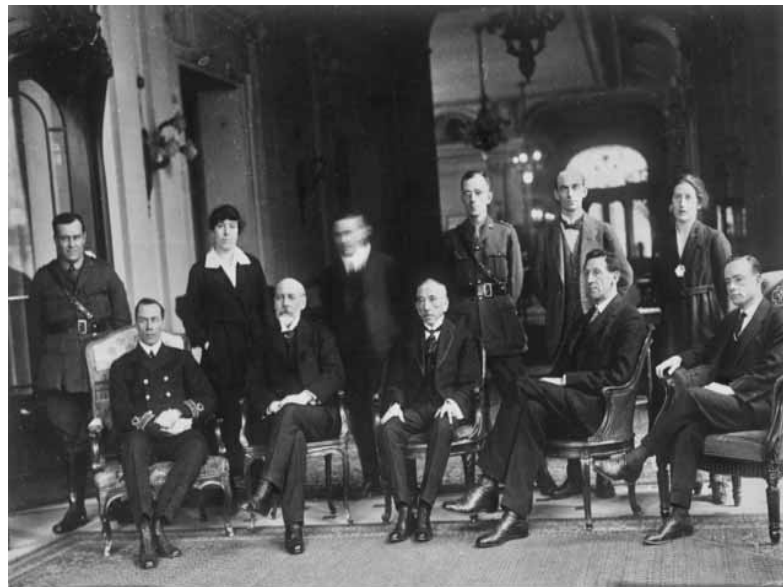
Frederic EGGLESTON

Sir Frederic Eggleston was born in Brunswick in October 1875. He completed his articles with his father's legal firm Eggleston & Derham. Before the war he was active in municipal politics including a stint as Mayor of Caulfield in 1914-1915.

Eggleston enlisted in the Australian Army in early 1916, with the 14th Battalion. Arriving in England in late 1917, Eggleston was placed with the Court Martial Section of the Australian depots. Working his way through the ranks, he was appointed a lieutenant in March 1918. His tour of duty ended with the Court Martial Section when he was seconded to the Prime Minister's delegation to the Peace Treaty negotiations in Paris in 1919.

At Versailles, Eggleston worked with John Latham and Robert Garran, but was disillusioned with Billy Hughes leadership and returned to Australia in April 1919.

Returning to legal practice, Eggleston was elected to the Victorian Parliament in 1920 and was defeated in 1927. He continued to read and write widely on foreign policy and relationships between nations. In 1933 he was appointed Commonwealth Grants Commissioner but later relinquished this position for a diplomatic posting to China in 1941. He was made Australia's diplomatic representative in Washington in 1944. He attended the San Francisco conference about the post war settlement and the creation of the United Nations in 1945. Eggleston is one of the few individuals to attend both the Versailles and San Francisco conferences. His later career consisted of writing on foreign policy matters and assisting with the establishment of the Australian National University. He died in 1954.



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Peace Conference in Paris 1919, Frederic Eggleston is on the extreme left of the photograph in his AIF uniform.