Sir Edmund Barton
January 18, 1849–January 7, 1920
In Office: 1901–1903

Barton served in the
government of New
South Wales . . .

before Australia
became independent.
He helped write the
nation's constitution
and became the first
prime minister. While
prime minister, he
supported voting
rights for women
and immigration
limits. He later
served on the High
Court of Australia.

Alfred Deakin
August 3, 1856–October 7, 1919
In Office: 1903–1904; 1905–1908; 1909–1910

Deakin served as
attorney general
for Prime Minister . . .

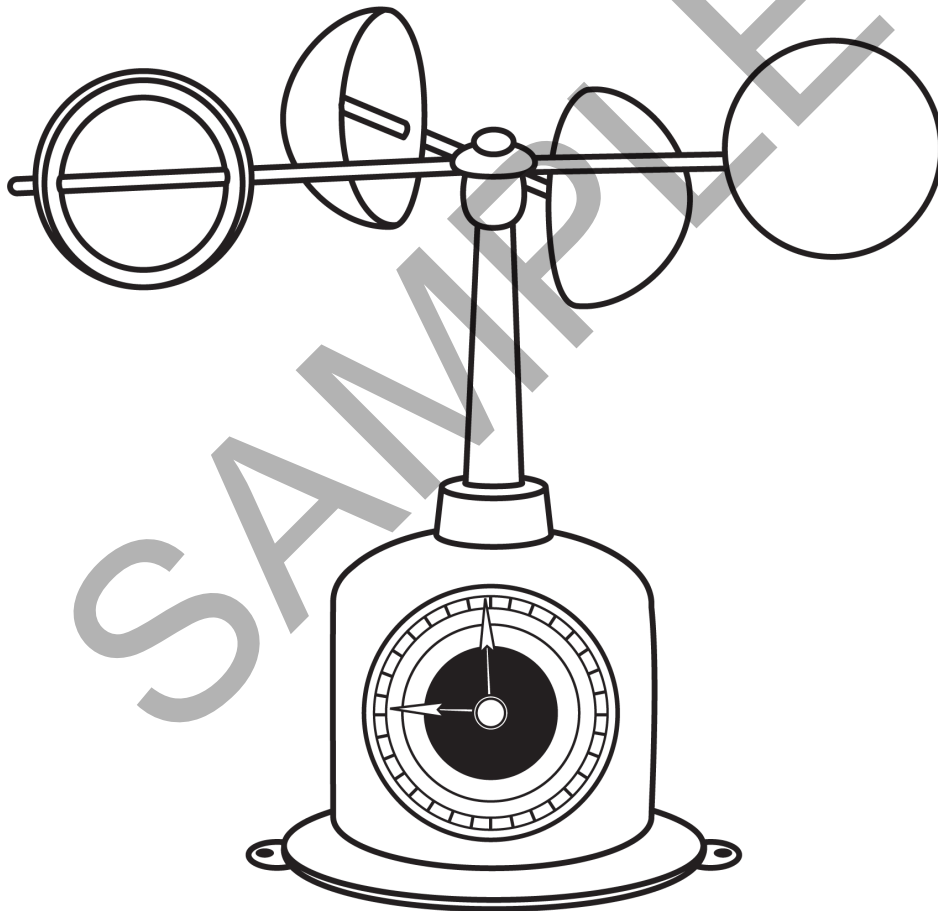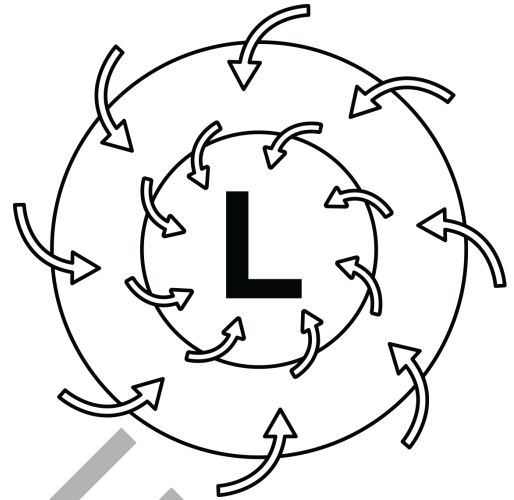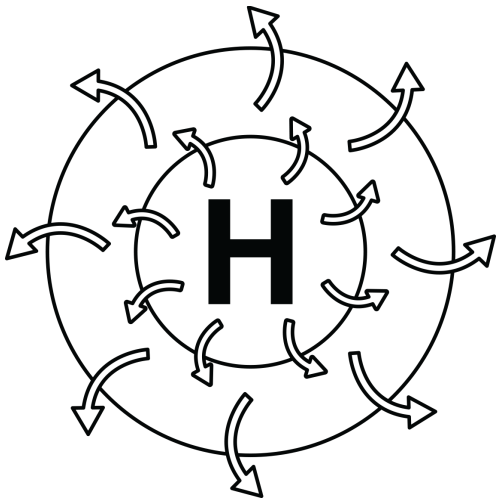Barton before taking office in 1903. He supported protective tariffs on imports, old-age pensions, immigration limits, and laws for better working conditions in factories. He left office in 1904.
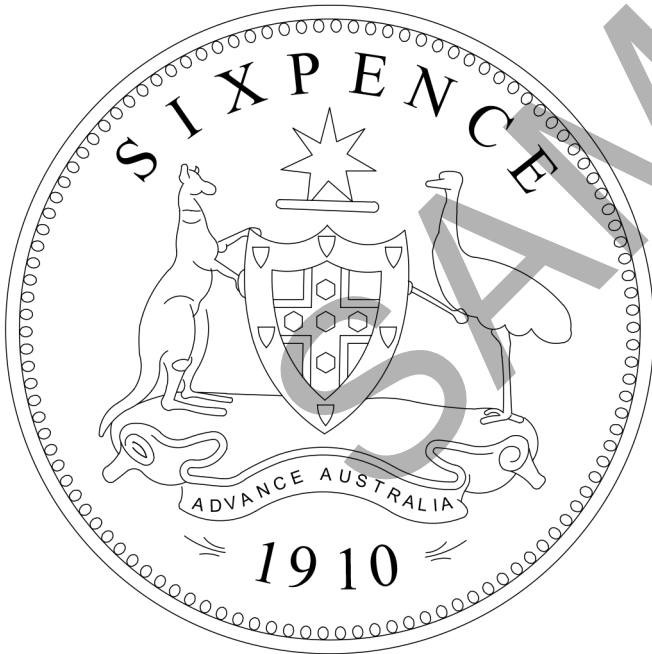
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He became prime . . .

minister again in
1905. While prime
minister, the Australian
Industries Protection
Act was passed, the
Bureau of
Meteorology was
formed, and the
Invalid and Old Age
Pensioner Act of
1908 gave pensions
to those over 65.

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He left office . . .

again in 1908,
however, he became
prime minister again
in the middle of
1909 and served
until April 1910. He
helped Australia plan
its own type of
money separate from
England's money.