

they should be tripartite in character, subject to the right of any Committee to set up bipartite sub-committees or to decide that part of its meetings should be bipartite in character. Committees are to be set up immediately for the following industries: building, civil engineering and public works; coal-mining; inland transport; iron and steel production; metal trades; petroleum production and refining; textiles.

Countries to be represented on these Committees have been determined, the Government in each country to be responsible for appointing the employers' and workers' members of the Committees in agreement with the organizations of employers and workers having a substantial membership in the industry. New Zealand is not represented on any Committee established to date, though it is understood that additions of other countries may be made as appropriate.

The agenda for each Committee is to consist of two items: the social problems of the industry during the transition from war to peace; and future international co-operation concerning social policy and its economic foundations in the industry; future programmes to be laid down by the Committees themselves, though in the case of the Inland Transport Committee urgent problems of transport in Europe are to be given prior consideration. During the early stages of their development the primary function of the Committees will be to facilitate the exchange of views between the parties concerned in regard to the problems of their respective industries.

MARITIME MATTERS

A session of the Joint Maritime Commission was held in London from 8th to 12th January, 1945, and, following this, the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization decided to convene a Preparatory Technical meeting for October, 1945, also a Maritime Session of the International Labour Conference to meet early in 1946. The terms of reference of the former are:—

To consider, with a view to the formulation of international minimum standards, the following subjects: it being understood that the items listed under II are included provisionally:—

- I. (a) Wages; hours of work on board ship; manning;
- (b) Leave;
- (c) Accommodation on board ship;
- (d) Food and catering;
- (e) Recognition of seafarers' organizations;
- II. (f) Social insurance;
- (g) Continuous employment;
- (h) Entry, training, and promotion.

In respect of the Maritime session the agenda is to include the above questions (subject to sufficient progress having been made by two Special Committees appointed to deal with items (f), (g), and (h) to permit them being dealt with at the Preparatory Technical Meeting).

The session of the Joint Maritime Commission referred to above adopted the following resolution:—

"The Joint Maritime Commission welcomes the proposal that the 1929 Convention on Safety at Sea should be revised by a Technical Diplomatic Conference in the light of recent experience and developments.

"It urges that at that Conference—

"(a) Shipowners' and seafarers' organizations should be represented in the national delegations; and

"(b) The International Labour Organization should be represented by a small delegation from the Joint Maritime Commission."

The Convention referred to in the resolution is that adopted by an International Conference that met in London from 15th April, 1929, to 31st May, 1929. (See *Board of Trade Journal*, 6th June, 1929, not of a conference of the International Labour Organization.)

EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR

Salaries and allowances (including salaries of nominated members, Court of Arbitration), temporary assistance and agents' remuneration	£	70,785
Apprenticeship Commission set up under Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, Expenses in connection therewith		1,826
Fees, travelling-expenses, &c., in connection with work of Conciliation Councils and the Court of Arbitration, Compensation Court, Industrial Emergency Council, and Emergency Disputes Committee		8,404
Building Committees, National and Local: Expenses in connection therewith		500
Printing, stationery, office requisites and equipment, rent, cleaning, heating, and lighting of offices, advertising, postage, telegrams, telephones, &c.		13,535
Travelling-expenses, &c., of Inspectors, including cost of bicycles, motor-vehicles, &c.		6,425
Law-costs incurred in Court cases conducted by Inspectors		186
Grant to Waterfront Control Commission towards salaries and administration expenses, including office furniture, printing, rent, travelling-expenses, &c.		11,876
Weights and measures equipment		140
International Labour Conference, Philadelphia: Travelling and other expenses of delegates		2,327
Miscellaneous expenditure		86
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Immigration expenditure—		
Disbursements of amounts collected on behalf of Imperial and other Governments, &c.	£	82
Portion of salaries and other expenditure, High Commissioner's Office, London		912
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