

As regards women, the Committee considered that if it were decided to arrange for the training of selected women for household service overseas such training should be given in this country. At the same time, the Dominion representatives made it clear that they could not commit their Governments to sharing any part of the cost of such training.

#### IV.—CONCLUSION.

In view of the results enumerated above the Committee venture to think that the discussions which have taken place have not been unfruitful. It will readily be understood that in the time at the disposal of the Committee it has not been practicable to arrive at definite decisions in all cases, since the representatives of the several Dominions have naturally had to refer certain questions for examination by their Departments at home. It will be seen, however, that the questions dealt with during the sessions of the Committee include provisions for stimulating the working of the nomination system; larger contributions towards assisted passages, especially under the very important heads of families and children; provision for the reception of new settlers; arrangements in regard to children and juveniles, public-school boys, and women and girls. As regards land-settlement, a valuable scheme is under negotiation with the Government of the Union of South Africa; the Australian Government hope before long to be able to bring forward important proposals for development and settlement; and the possibilities of group settlement have been explored. The Committee in reporting these matters to the Conference venture to express the hope that the several Governments concerned, both in Great Britain and the Dominions, will look upon the results attained as an instalment only of what might be achieved, and will be unrelenting in their efforts to further the policy of redistribution of population alike by the removal of any obstacle to which their attention may be called, and by framing fresh schemes of land-settlement as and when circumstances may permit.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

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#### APPENDIX I.

##### ASSISTED-PASSAGE RATES TO CANADA.

(Ordinary Third-class Fare approximately £16.)

Class of Settler.	Assistance granted under Existing Agreements.	Modifications to take effect from 1st January, 1924.
Single farm workers (nominated)	Advance up to 75 per cent. of cost of journey if nominated by British subject resident in Canada, and proceeding to farm work, joint undertaking to repay being given by nominator and nominee	Advance up to 100 per cent. to all persons nominated by Canadian Government Employment Agents (or by private persons as before), the bond of nominee himself being accepted as security for repayment.
Single women (household workers)	Advance up to 100 per cent. of cost of journey	Advance up to 100 per cent., with conditional rebate of £6.
Families (nominated and proceeding to farm work)	Advance up to 75 per cent. of cost of journey on joint bond of nominator and nominee	Advance up to 100 per cent. on bond of nominee alone. Children accompanying parents assisted under the Empire Settlement Act to be eligible for free grant of cost of journey not exceeding 80 dollars. One additional single woman to be included in each nominated family if so desired.
Children and juveniles proceeding under the auspices of societies	Free grant of cost of journey in respect of children (boys, eight to sixteen; girls, eight to fourteen)	Age-limits to include all children and juveniles up to their seventeenth birthday.

##### ASSISTED-PASSAGE RATES TO AUSTRALIA.

(Reduced Third-class Fare £33.)

Class of Settler.	Assistance granted under Existing Agreements.	Modifications to take effect from 1st January, 1924.
Non-nominated—		
(a.) Single men and single women	One-third free grant; remaining two-thirds as loan, with additional loan of landing-money, where necessary	No alteration in rates. Additional single woman to be included in family nomination.
(b.) Families .. ..	One-third free grant; loan of remaining two-thirds and of landing-money, where necessary	See note below.
(c.) Children and juveniles ..	One-third free grant; two-thirds loan ..	See note below.
Nominated—		
Of any of the above classes ..	One-third free grant; balance passage-money to be provided by nominator or nominee. No loans granted except in special cases	Loan of balance passage-money to be made, where necessary, in cases where the Commonwealth Government are satisfied as to the status of the nominator.

NOTE.—The Australian representative has agreed that the following concessions shall receive the consideration of his Government, viz.: Free passages to children under twelve, and half-fares to children of twelve and up to sixteen years of age inclusive.