

- “(d) Desires to place on record its appreciation of the munificent gift of £25,000 by His Highness the Rajah of Sarawak to the Imperial Forestry Institute :
- “(e) Desires to express its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Empire Forestry Conferences, welcomes the invitation of His Majesty’s Government in the Union of South Africa to hold the next Conference in that Dominion in 1933, and recommends to all the Governments concerned active preparation for and participation in that Conference.”

XIX. RESEARCH.

Subjects connected with scientific research were considered by a committee of the Conference comprising senior officers of the research Departments of the various Governments of the British Commonwealth, under the chairmanship of the Right Hon. Lord Parmoor, K.C.V.O., Lord President of the Council.

The position with regard to co-operation in agricultural research may be regarded as generally satisfactory. As the outcome of the recommendations of the Imperial Conference of 1926 and of the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference of 1927, eight agricultural bureaux have been established for the interchange of information in eight branches of agricultural science. Scientific conferences are growing in number and importance. Improvements have been effected in the arrangements for the recruitment and training of agricultural research workers. Investigations have been carried out with the aid of funds provided by the Empire Marketing Board, involving team-work between research organizations in different parts of the British Commonwealth.

The following resolutions were passed by the Research Committee on co-operative developments connected with agricultural research :—

RESULTS OF IMPERIAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, 1927.

“(i) The Research Committee of the Imperial Conference note with satisfaction the remarkable growth within the Commonwealth during the last four years of co-operative activity in the field of agricultural research designed to meet the needs to which the Imperial Conference of 1926 drew special attention.

“(ii) The committee welcome the success of the first Imperial Agricultural Research Conference, held in London in 1927, and, being satisfied that great benefits accompanied and have followed the holding of that Conference, urge the respective Governments to give their fullest possible support to the second Conference to be held in 1932, and to facilitate the representation of universities and research institutes at that Conference.”

IMPERIAL AGRICULTURAL BUREAUX.

“In the establishment of the eight Imperial Agricultural Bureaux, financed from a common fund and controlled by a Council of nominees of the Governments of the Commonwealth, the Research Committee of the Imperial Conference find both a notable precedent for action on a true Commonwealth basis and a contribution that is already bearing fruit in the better dissemination of scientific knowledge throughout the Empire.”

RESEARCH GRANTS OF THE EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD.*

“(i) The Research Committee of the Imperial Conference take note of the Empire Marketing Board’s programme of research, involving commitments approaching £2,000,000 from the Empire Marketing Fund as well as independent contributions by so many Governments. They find that programme in accord both with the resolution of the Imperial Conference of 1926 and the policy adopted by the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference of 1927.

“(ii) The Committee commend especially that feature of the Board’s policy which aims at the concentration and development in the most appropriate centres of scientific team work upon problems of interest to the Commonwealth as a

* In this connection see Resolutions II, III, and IV on page 30.