

(vii) The Imperial Mycological Institute

Mycological Research.

Dissemination of Mycological information.

(viii) The Imperial Communications Advisory Committee

Advice on the control of Imperial cable and wireless facilities.

(ix) The Mechanical Transport Council

Design, construction and testing of new transport units.

Advice on motor transport problems.

(x) The Imperial Forestry Institute

Forestry Research and Training.

Dissemination of forestry information.

(xi) The Empire Timber Committee

The promotion and supervision, in respect of oversea Empire timbers, of the testing and utilization program of the Forestry Products Laboratory, Princes Risborough.

8. The above list might suggest that there is considerable overlapping of function between these different bodies. It does not follow, however, that, because different bodies are apparently performing similar functions or the same body is performing different functions, there must necessarily be overlapping. On the other hand, it is obvious that, unless careful precautions are taken to ensure interchange of information between the various bodies engaged in similar functions, considerable wastage both of effort and money might result. While the Sub-Committee have no reason to think that such wastage does occur to any material extent, and believe that in practice it has been avoided by mutual co-operation and understanding, they are not aware that any definite plan has been framed to prevent it.

9. Apart from the possibility, or likelihood, of overlapping of function, with consequent wastage of effort and money, as between different "Imperial" bodies, there is clearly a possibility, or likelihood, to be guarded against of overlapping between "Imperial" and "national" or even "international" bodies performing the same function—for example between the Empire Marketing Board and the Trade Commissioner services of different parts of the Empire in market promotion, or between an "Imperial" and a "national" research organization.

10. The institutions dealt with in this memorandum are limited to those which have a definitely Imperial character. No account has been taken of national institutions undertaking also work of Imperial scope, *e.g.* the Low Temperature Research Station at Cambridge, or the Onderstepoort Veterinary Station in South Africa.

11. The Committee have not regarded it as coming within their terms of reference either to draw up an outline of the whole area in the economic sphere within which intra-Commonwealth co-operation is or might be desirable, or to compile a list of the various functions which could more usefully be performed by Imperial rather than by national, or by national rather than by Imperial, bodies or to call attention to any gaps in the area covered by the existing bodies.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EXISTING MACHINERY FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

NOTE BY UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE

The statement in paragraph 5 (v) of the Report regarding the finance of the Imperial Institute gives no indication of the highly unsatisfactory position in which the Institute stands at present.

From the attached statement, Annex A, it will be seen that the position, after certain capital adjustments designed to make available, so far as may be, the resources of the Institute to carry on its current work, is that while its income amounts to about £35,500 for the present year, its expenditure is estimated at about £40,000, leaving a deficit of more than £4,000 which must be made up from surplus funds. In 1933, it will be necessary to encroach upon