

Mr. Armstrong continued by enlarging his argument in reply to the cases put up by a number of the employers' members, and at the conclusion put the proposed Draft Convention Article by Article. The proposed Draft Convention was adopted by 72 votes to 42, and was then sent to the Drafting Committee for the preparation of a final text. The final text was adopted, the voting being as follows—for, 88 ; against, 41 ; abstain, 38.

CONCLUSION.

The International Labour Office is a wonderful and efficient organization, and to it the workers of the world must look for social justice. The framing of international industrial law sets a standard that nations individually would not adopt, but which economic conditions would still demand. Problems are being created in all countries with the rapid advance of science in its application to industry and agriculture. The world, in an economic sense, is rapidly becoming a single undivided area of exploitation while it remains divided politically. The International Labour Office is tackling these problems and, in initiating industrial legislation based on economic facts, is rendering mankind a service not yet fully appreciated by the trades-unions, employers, and Governments. I believe the day will come when the International Labour Office will have more influence in the cause of peace than the League of Nations. It should be the work of all trades unions to promote a greater interest in this great organization.

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the trades-union organizations responsible for my election to the New Zealand delegation, which was led by the Minister of Labour, the Hon. H. T. Armstrong. His thorough grasp of industrial questions was of great assistance in the work of the Conference, and his advice and sincerity was both valuable to and also made an impression on delegates present. At the conclusion of the debate and vote on the forty-hour week in the textile industry the United States delegates approached and congratulated the New Zealand delegation on the wonderful part played by its Minister and delegates in connection with this important question.

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