

SUMMARY.

A survey of the work of the session of the Conference discloses that one Draft Convention—viz., Statistics of Hours and Wages in the Principal Mining and Manufacturing Industries, including Building and Construction, and in Agriculture—was adopted.

The balance of the items on the agenda were discussed very fully, and the result of these discussions will be found in the questionnaires which will be drawn up by the International Labour Office for submission to Governments, and following the standard procedure will probably be adopted as Conventions and Recommendations by the next session of the Conference.

STANDING ORDERS AND PROCEDURE.

The Conference was requested to consider certain proposals submitted by the Governing Body. These fell under three main headings:—

- (1) Procedure for the adoption of Draft Conventions and Recommendations.
- (2) Interpretation of paragraph 3 of Article 79 of the Standing Order of the Conference, as regards the position of substitute members of Committees.
- (3) The renumbering of certain Articles in the Standing Orders of the Conference.

The Committee consisted of twenty members, and was composed on the Riddell-Tzaut system, there being ten Government delegates and five employers' and five workers' delegates.

The Resolutions are dealt with *in extenso* in the *Industrial and Labour Information*, 27th June, 1938, page 388.

An item which did not appear on the agenda—viz., the suggestion that a further Conference of American States members of the Organization, similar to that held at Chile in 1936, should be convened at an early date—was received enthusiastically. The Conference passed a resolution authorizing the calling of such a meeting at a date to be arranged.

As previously indicated in this report, the Governing Body has with regret accepted the resignation of Mr. Harold Butler as Director of the International Labour Office, and on the 1st of January next Mr. John G. Winant will succeed him. Mr. Winant is a leading figure in the United States. He was on three occasions Governor of the State of New Hampshire, and he was also Chairman of the Board appointed to inquire into the United States textile strike. Further, he has had over three years' experience as a delegate to the International Labour Office.

I have to sincerely thank the New Zealand Government and workers' delegates for our happy relationship throughout the Conference.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES G. CAMP.

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