

and an adjustment of the factors political, economic, financial and monetary, which caused the breakdown of the gold standard in many countries, and which, if not adjusted, would inevitably lead to another breakdown of whatever international standard might be adopted.

*Resolutions and Statements Regarding Methods of Economic Co-operation.*—The Committee considering the question of methods of economic co-operation set up sub-committees on Industrial Standardization, Grading and Standards of Agricultural Products, Industrial Co-operation, Films and Radio, and on the Existing Machinery for Economic Co-operation. The resolutions accepted by the Conference on these subjects were based on the reports of the above sub-committees.

1. *Resolutions Concerning Industrial Standardization.*—The Conference recommended the observation of certain enumerated principles with a view to assisting the co-ordination of national standardization. In respect of steel, timber, industrial chemical products and replaceable parts of agricultural implements and machinery, it was recommended that immediate steps should be taken by the central standardizing bodies in those parts of the Commonwealth affected to secure a greater degree of uniformity in standard specifications and trade practices.

In order to maintain closer liaison in standardizing matters, the Conference recommended that the central standardizing bodies in the different parts of the Commonwealth should be authorized to call together, periodically or otherwise, representatives in their respective countries of the corresponding bodies, or persons otherwise designated for the purpose.

2. *Grading and Standards of Agricultural Products.*—The Conference recommended various measures designed to further the adoption of improved grading and standardization. It was felt that the British Commonwealth of Nations should work towards the adoption of uniform standards for those agricultural products which experience had shown most readily lend themselves to standardization. In order to facilitate the unification of Commonwealth grade-standards arrangements should be made for the exchange of memoranda describing in detail the grade-standards in existence in the different countries concerned.

3. *Resolutions Concerning Industrial Co-operation.*—The Conference felt that the object of co-operation in this field was not to arrest change, but wisely to direct and facilitate its course. The object of any policy of industrial co-operation within the Commonwealth should be to secure the best division of industrial activities among the several parts of the Commonwealth and the ordered economic development of each part, with a view to insuring the maximum efficiency and economy of production and distribution.

The precise nature and extent of the co-operation to be achieved in any particular industry must largely depend upon effective consultation between those engaged or proposing to engage, in that industry in any two or more parts of the Commonwealth.

The Conference therefore recommended to the various industries in which conditions were suitable for the purpose, the desirability of making arrangements for such consultation at the earliest possible date; but it recorded its belief that such consultation, to be fully effective, should be conducted between responsible persons or bodies adequately representative of the industry in each part of the Commonwealth concerned.

The Conference further recommended that the Governments concerned should facilitate and assist such consultations by all available means.

4. *Resolutions Concerning Films and Radio.*—The Report of the Sub-Committee on this subject, which was commended to the consideration of Governments, emphasized the need for the continued development of radio and film facilities throughout the Commonwealth, and the connection of these forms of instruction and entertainment not only with the commercial development but with the cultural development and the general outlook of the peoples of the Commonwealth. Gratification was expressed at the substantial progress made in the exhibition of Commonwealth