

Federation) to any international relationship which interfered with the rights of labour to maintain national standards; approval of President Gompers' attitude in declining to participate in the proceedings of the International Labour Conference at Washington in 1919; endorsement of the executive council in support of the Peace Treaty and the Covenant of the League of Nations; opposition to the system of bonussing, favouring rather an increase in wages.

Trade Conference at Ottawa between Dominion and West Indian Governments.—A trade conference between the Dominion and West Indian governments was held at Ottawa from May 31 to June 19, 1920. All the British West Indies were represented; the British Government was represented by Lt. Col. Amery, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Canada was represented by the Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Customs. Sir George E. Foster presided.

The purpose of the conference was to consider the extent to which and means by which the trade relations between the Dominion and the West Indian colonies could be improved. The parties to the conference agreed upon nine articles relating to trade, five relating to steamship services to the eastern West Indian group, two relating to steamship services to the western group. By the trade articles the customs duties on all commodities (except narcotic and alcoholic goods) produced in the West Indies shall not be more than 50 per cent of those imposed on similar articles from any foreign country; different groups of the colonies in their turn granted different degrees of preference to goods imported from Canada. The Dominion Government undertook to endeavour to arrange for a mail, passenger and freight steamship service within three years between Canada and the Eastern group, the steamers to be from 5,000 to 6,000 tons gross and capable of maintaining speed of 12 knots; if a subsidized steamship service is arranged, the Governments of both Canada and the six (Eastern group) West Indian colonies agreed to contribute. Pending the establishment of such services, Canada agreed to endeavour to maintain on the existing lines, a fortnightly service between Canada and the Eastern group. A service between Canada and the western group was also agreed upon. The agreements are to be in force for ten years and thereafter until terminated by twelve months' written notice. The new tariff preferences went into effect, so far as Canada is concerned, on May 10, 1921.

Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa.—A conference of 150 delegates representing newspaper publishers and editors from all parts of the Empire, under the chairmanship of Vicount Burnham, president of the Empire Press Union, was held in the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, from August 5 to 7, 1920. The matters discussed related to the publication of newspapers, Empire unity and development and the part which the press plays therein, improved facilities for the transmission of news, cheaper cable rates, the independence of the press of government control and increased interchange of the