

Mr. Carl Hambro, Leader of the Norwegian delegation, was unanimously elected President. He has taken a prominent part in international activities, was a member of the Norwegian delegation to the League of Nations from 1926, a member of the Supervisory Commission of the League of Nations from 1930 onwards, and is at present Chairman of the Liquidation Board of the League. Mr. Carlos Raul Desmaras, of the Argentine Republic, representing the Government group; Sir John Forbes Watson, of the United Kingdom, representing the employers' group; and Mr. Robert J. Watt, of the United States of America, representing the workers' group, were all unanimously elected Vice-Presidents.

Under the amended Constitution, membership of the International Labour Organization consists of those States which were members on 1st November, 1945, together with those members of the United Nations who accept the International Labour Organization Constitution and other States whose application for admission is endorsed by a two-thirds vote of a Conference of the Organization. Austria was admitted as a member by vote at the thirtieth Conference. There are thus 52 members of the Organization. Yugoslavia, however, has given the prescribed two years' notice of its intention to withdraw. Apart from Spain, Germany, and Japan, the U.S.S.R. is the only important nation that does not participate in the work of the Organization.

Subjects on the Agenda for discussion were as follows :—

- I. Report of the Director-General.
- II. Financial and Budgetary Questions.
- III. Social Policy in Non-metropolitan Territories.
- IV. Labour Inspection in Industry and Commerce.
- V. Employment Service Organization.
- VI. Reports on the Application of Conventions.
- VII. Freedom of Association and Industrial Relations.
- VIII. Resolutions.
- IX. Standing Orders.

Committees were set up to deal with each of the items mentioned above. New Zealand was represented on Committees as follows :—

Social Policy in Non-metropolitan Territories—

Right Hon. W. J. Jordan (Chairman).

Mr. T. P. Davin.

Labour Inspection in Industry and Commerce—

Mr. G. M. F. Jackson.

Mr. W. J. Mountjoy (employers).

Mr. J. A. S. Herring (workers).

Employment Service Organization—

Mr. H. L. Bockett.

Reports on the Application of Conventions—

Mr. W. J. Mountjoy (employers).

Freedom of Association—

Mr. P. M. Butler (workers).

Resolutions—

Mr. H. L. Bockett.

Standing Orders—

Mr. G. M. F. Jackson.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

The audited accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, disclosed a surplus of 1,737,556 Swiss francs. Expenditure savings amounted to only 0.015 of the Budget—*i.e.*, 17,518 Swiss francs. Therefore, the surplus was mainly composed of receipts in addition to estimate, chiefly amounts received on account of arrears of contributions.