

11. To draw up proposals for the efficient carrying-on of the farms or businesses of men who have been obliged to leave them owing to the war. (See Appendix A, "Management of Farms," and Appendix B, "Management of Businesses.")

12. To advise as to what new industries should be established during or after the war.

13. To report as to the need for further technical education and scientific research with respect to existing or future industries.

14. To co-operate with the Discharged Soldiers' Information Department and the Lands Department in arranging for the absorption of returning soldiers in the industries of the country.

15. To make such other investigations and reports as the Government may from time to time require.

16. To initiate and submit to the Government such proposals as they consider would increase the industrial efficiency of the State if carried into effect.

17. To carry out such industrial proposals as the Government may direct.

ADVISORY COUNCILS.

One in each group—twenty-one in all; voluntary. Five members, four of whom should be active business men—recommended by Industrial Efficiency Board; appointed by Government; representing the industries of the district. One Labour representative advisable: he may be paid if necessary.

The Advisory Councils will sit in consultation with the district member of the Board, who will be *ex officio* Chairman, and will communicate to the Council the policy of the Board.

Duties of Advisory Council.

1. To recommend to the Board the appointment of members of (a) Country and (b) Industrial Committees.

2. To collect information for the Board.

3. To initiate proposals and, where requested, advise the Board as to subsidiary schemes for the organization of industry in their district.

4. To obtain local industrial information for the Military Service Board when requested by the Industrial Efficiency Board.

5. To advise the Minister of Defence as to whether he should confirm or otherwise deal with the recommendations of the Military Service Board in case of undue hardship to soldier called up.

6. To carry out locally such approved schemes of industrial organization as the Board may direct.

INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISORS.

One in each group—twenty-one in all; appointed by Government on the advice of the Advisory Council; paid out of the War Expenses Fund.

Officers and clerical assistance will be required. It is expected that the Supervisors and their staff will be obtained from men not available for service with the Expeditionary Force.

Duties of Supervisors.

1. To act as Secretary of Advisory Councils.

2. To keep such accounts as the Council may direct.

3. To collect information from Country and Industrial Committees.

4. To keep accounts of farms and businesses left under State control or managed by trustees. (See Appendices A and B.)

5. To make payments and collect moneys due on account of such farms or businesses.

6. To prepare all accounts kept by them for Government audit.

COUNTRY COMMITTEES.

Appointed by Board on recommendation of Advisory Council. It will be desirable to consult presidents of local bodies, farmers' unions, and agricultural and pastoral associations as to their appointments. Voluntary; five to ten members.

Sufficient Committees will be appointed in each group to provide the Advisory Councils with such information as may be required. On the basis of one member of Committee to each fifty farms of 10 acres and over, there will be 1,100 members of Country Committees—say, eight to each group. The members are intended to be chosen for their knowledge and experience, and for their prominence in forwarding patriotic movements. Where possible an existing organization is to be utilized or absorbed.

Duties of Country Committees.

1. To carry out the policy of the Industrial Efficiency Board as directed by the Council in their locality.

2. To advise the Council as to what labour is required in their district, and, if it is expected to be insufficient, to make proposals as to how best it may be supplemented.

3. To make recommendations to the Council for transmission to the Board as to the best course to pursue in connection with the farms of soldiers who have joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force from their locality. (See Appendix A.)

4. To advise their Council as to the appointment of Trustees or Managers for soldiers' farms.