

Representation on General Council.—Each District Committee of Advice shall be entitled to one representative at every meeting of the General Council, which will meet annually, or at shorter intervals, as the Council Executive may deem necessary.

Duties of Chairman, District Committee of Advice.—He shall, unless otherwise arranged, be the recognized corresponding member for his district to receive all correspondence from the Commissioner of the National Efficiency Board, also from the group executive officer. He shall call regular meetings of the members of his District Committee for the purpose of promoting the best interests of all persons engaged in primary industry. He shall receive and conduct all correspondence *re* Trustees for soldiers' farms until the power of attorney has been executed by the soldier in favour of the Trustees for the management of his farm.

Duties of District Committee of Advice.—The Committee of Advice should carefully watch and promote the best interest of every class of primary production carried on in the district, to report thereon from time to time to the Commissioner, either direct or through the Executive or Group Committee, as in its opinion the circumstances may warrant. To organize co-operative effort within the district so that a maximum efficiency may be secured at a minimum cost. To organize for the more effective and more constant use of every kind of mechanical appliance used in agricultural work (for which purpose the Government has already intimated its willingness to assist in procuring, and also to assist farmers in purchasing certain machines), in order to encourage, promote, and stimulate a large increase in primary products, this being the only base upon which national prosperity can be permanently secured. To collect information from time to time regarding labour required throughout the district, so that by careful management the necessary hired labour may be secured to the advantage of the farmer, and also to the worker who can only be made content with the conditions of country employment, when the disadvantages attending intermittent labour have been removed and constant employment made reasonably secure. To report in advance to the District or Group Committee when help from outside the district is likely to be required for cultivating, seeding, harvesting, mustering, shearing, dipping, or any other seasonable operation, also as to the extent and length of time for which such help is required. To make a report on behalf of farmers as to where machinery could be used in a communal manner, such as agricultural motors, threshing machinery, shearing plants, &c., and, if so, to what extent.

The Committee of Advice is asked to assist in the collection of information as per Form C1 of this memo., to advise and assist Trustees in providing for the efficient management of soldiers' farms, and generally to work the district placed under their charge, so that every man who may be called to military duty may feel secure in the knowledge that whilst he is fighting for the freedom of his country his farm is not being neglected by those who had to stay behind.

Every member of a District Committee should watch for any cases of special hardship arising out of the ballot for military service on the Second Division, notwithstanding that the Reservist does not elect to appeal. In such cases the Commissioner should be informed of all the facts, but no opinion should be expressed by the committee unless the Commissioner requests further information.

The committee to report upon all questions referred to it by the Commissioner relating to Reservists, such reports to have special regard to the actual facts and circumstances, and to the Empire's pressing need for soldiers, and to the country's need for food-production.

EXECUTIVE OR GROUP COMMITTEE.

Each Executive or Group Committee should meet at least once every month, when all matters of general or national importance concerning primary production should be discussed and a report made thereon to the Commissioner of the National Efficiency Board, especially upon matters which in the opinion of the executive should be referred to the Government.

The Commissioner or the Chief Agricultural and Pastoral Adviser will attend Group Committees' meetings upon request.

Group Committees should give special attention to the following subjects:—

- (a.) Investigations relating to the scientific treatment of land and its productions.
- (b.) As to what extent Government assistance should be afforded for the improvement of the industry by means of lectures, practical demonstrations by qualified scientists, or by other means to that end.
- (c.) The collaboration of facts and results obtained from various parts of the world with regard to every class of farming.
- (d.) To collect information regarding the methods of handling waste products with a view to greater economy and efficiency. To make a general report from time to time on similar lines to those laid down for District Committees, always with the view of promoting the best interests of the industry. To consider best methods for handling the products so that highest market prices may be secured to the producers.

In cases where in the opinion of the District Commissioner of the National Efficiency Board it may be necessary from time to time to appoint Boards of Trustees for the management of soldiers' farms it is expected that the Executive or Group Committee will institute the necessary inquiries and advise the Commissioner with regard to suitable persons who may be capable and willing to undertake the trusteeship for the management of soldiers' farms within specified areas.

The Executive or Group Committee will receive reports from its District Committee relating to labour which will be required for seasonal operations, and to organize the available labour so as to meet the requirements of each district within the group section. In cases of difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements the matter should be referred to the Commissioner of the National Efficiency Board.

The Executive or Group Committee may elect a permanent chairman, or a chairman for each meeting, but if no permanent chairman is appointed an honorary secretary should be elected to receive and attend to all correspondence of the Group Committee.

Each Executive or Group Committee is entitled to elect one of its members to the Executive Committee for the General Council.