

VIII. REPARATIONS.

The Conference agreed that the reparation receipts under the Treaty of Versailles should be apportioned approximately as follows :—

United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	86·85
Minor Colonies	..	..	..	..	0·80
Canada	..	..	..	..	4·35
Australia	..	..	..	..	4·35
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	1·75
South Africa	..	..	..	..	0·60
Newfoundland	..	..	..	..	0·10
India	..	..	..	..	1·20
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IX. POSITION OF BRITISH INDIANS IN THE EMPIRE.

The question of the position of British Indians in the Empire was discussed first at a plenary meeting, when the representatives of India fully explained the situation and the views held in India on the subject. The question was then remitted to a Special Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. At a final meeting on the subject the following resolution was adopted :—

“ The Conference, while reaffirming the resolution of the Imperial War Conference of 1918, that each community of the British Commonwealth should enjoy complete control of the composition of its own population by means of restriction on immigration from any of the other communities, recognizes that there is an incongruity between the position of India as an equal member of the British Empire and the existence of disabilities upon British Indians lawfully domiciled in some other parts of the Empire. The Conference accordingly is of the opinion that in the interests of the solidarity of the British Commonwealth it is desirable that the rights of such Indians to citizenship should be recognized.

“ The representatives of South Africa regret their inability to accept this resolution in view of the exceptional circumstances of the greater part of the Union.

“ The representatives of India, while expressing their appreciation of the acceptance of the resolution recorded above, feel bound to place on record their profound concern at the position of Indians in South Africa, and their hope that by negotiation between the Governments of India and of South Africa some way can be found, as soon as may be, to reach a more satisfactory position.”

X. EMPIRE SETTLEMENT AND MIGRATION.

The question of Empire settlement and migration was considered by a Special Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the following resolution was finally adopted by the Conference :—

“ The Conference having satisfied itself that the proposals embodied in the report* of the Conference on State-aided Empire Settlement are sound in principle, and that the several Dominions are prepared, subject to parliamentary sanction and to the necessary financial arrangements being made, to co-operate effectively with the United Kingdom in the development of schemes based on these proposals, but adapted to the particular circumstances and conditions of each Dominion, approves the aforesaid report.

“ The South African representatives wish to make it clear that the limited field for white labour in South Africa will preclude co-operation by the Union Government on the lines contemplated by the other Dominions.

“ (2.) The Conference expresses the hope that the Government of the United Kingdom will, at the earliest possible moment, secure the necessary powers to enable it to carry out its part in any schemes of co-operation which may subsequently be agreed on, preferably in the form of an Act which will make clear that the policy of co-operation now adopted is intended to be permanent.

* The report is printed as Appendix V.