

In addition to this order paper, the several groups of employers and workers, in response to the suggestion of the Parliamentary Committee, submitted the following papers as expressions of their own views :—

Report of Labour Delegation, setting out its Ideas regarding Conference Objective. (Mr. T. Bloodworth.)

Statement by the New Zealand Farmers' Union. (Mr. W. J. Polson.)

Farming or Primary Industries: Report of Delegation representing Workers. (Mr. W. Nash.)

Sheep-farmers' Delegates' Statement. (Mr. H. D. Acland.)

Statement of Sheepowners' Federation. (Mr. C. H. Williams.)

Statement of Position by Dairy Industry Delegates. (Mr. H. H. Sterling.)

Unemployment, Immigration, Apprenticeship, Sources of Labour-supply. (Mr. T. Bloodworth.)

Statement of the Views of the Freezing Industry Employers on the Present Industrial Laws of New Zealand. (Mr. R. S. Chadwick.)

Statement on the Freezing Industry, on behalf of the Employees. (Mr. H. C. Revell.)

Workers' Compensation Act. (Mr. J. Roberts.)

Paper submitted by the New Zealand Employers' Federation. (Mr. T. O. Bishop.)

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act. (Mr. J. Roberts.)

Statement by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of New Zealand. (Mr. H. S. E. Turner.)

There were submitted also the following address and papers by the Professors of Economics from Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago Universities, and the Massey Agricultural College :—

Address by Professor Murphy, Victoria University College.

Memorandum on the Arbitration Court, by Professor Fisher, Otago University.

Compulsory Arbitration and Economic Welfare in New Zealand, by Professor Tocker, Canterbury College.

The Economic Position of the Farmer in New Zealand, by Professor Belshaw, Auckland University College.

Industrial Legislation, by Professor Belshaw, Auckland University College.

The Arbitration Court and Price Dislocations, by Professor Williams, Massey Agricultural College.

The following papers were also received by the Conference :—

Insurance Scheme to provide Work for the Unemployed, by His Worship the Mayor of Wellington.

Statement by the New Zealand Bank Officers' Guild.

Employment Assurance, by Mr. G. Finn.

Review of Proceedings at the Opening Session of the New Zealand Industrial Conference, by Mr. F. G. Dalziel, Wellington.

Statement by the Employee Partnership Institute (N.Z.), Ltd.

These matters were discussed at some length in general Conference, and it was then decided that the Conference should divide into committees. There were two main committees set up, one representing the primary industries and the other the secondary industries; and, on the recommendation of the Business Committee, it was resolved that these main committees should each divide into two, and also that two joint sub-committees should be set up, one dealing with shipping and transport, and the other with economics and finance. The two main committees commenced their sittings on the 19th April. The Primary Industries Committee at once divided into two sub-committees, one dealing with agricultural and pastoral farming and freezing industries, and the other with the dairy industry; but the Secondary Industries Committee did not divide. These committees commenced consideration of the matters referred to them by the general Conference, and their discussions continued for some days on more or less parallel lines. These discussions were useful and led to certain definite recommendations being made, but it became obvious that finality could not be reached by this method of procedure. The general Conference was therefore again called together to receive a recommendation from the Business Committee that a Special Sub-Committee, consisting of seven members on each side, should be set up, to deal with the whole of the matters before the Conference, and prepare a report upon these questions for the consideration of the general Conference. Conference adopted this recommendation, and the members of the Special Sub-Committee subsequently appointed were the Hon. Mr. T. S. Weston, Messrs. W. G. Smith, W. J. Polson, C. H. Williams, H. S. E. Turner, H. H. Sterling, T. O. Bishop, T. Bloodworth, J. Roberts, W. Nash, W. Bromley, O. McBrine, A. Cook, and R. Fulton.

This Special Sub-Committee commenced its sittings at 3.30 p.m. on the 24th April, and, with brief adjournments, continued sitting until the evening of Tuesday, 15th May. The sub-committee found that better progress could be made by departing from the agenda paper drawn up by the Parliamentary Committee in its original form, and practically the whole of the deliberations have been upon the more important industrial laws, with the object of framing amendments which, in the opinion of the sub-committee, were desirable under the existing conditions of industry.

As a result of its deliberations the sub-committee is able to present unanimous recommendations upon the important subjects of unemployment relief, immigration, and the Workers' Compensation Act, these recommendations being as follow :—