

bureau, where statistical information from all over the world regarding agriculture will be collected, compiled, elaborated and distributed to the countries adhering to the Institute. The third committee, of which Hon. Arthur Boyer is chairman, deals with the economics of agriculture, its influence and effect upon the social system, with agriculture in different countries and the advance of agricultural science and discoveries, as well as agricultural associations and co-operation.

I think this covers fairly well the work of the organization. After the general assembly last year the officers were appointed to the various positions. Mr. Koch, secretary of the first assemblies was appointed first-chief clerk in the first division of the secretariat, and has charge of the offices and staff and routine work of the offices at Rome.

Mr. Clarke, who has been a long time in charge of the bureau of statistics at Washington was chosen chief of the second division, and will, therefore, have to formulate and organize the scheme of securing statistics from all over the world, their compilation and elaboration and distribution to the countries adhering to the Institute.

Mr. Braffard, from Belgium, was appointed chief of the third division. He was permanent head of the department of agriculture of Belgium, with long experience in agricultural work, and had also been a member of the Belgium Legislature. His work will be to deal with economic questions connected with agriculture, such as agricultural associations, co-operation, agricultural scientific investigation and discoveries.

In this way the whole field of agricultural interest is pretty well covered by the organization and its work.

There was some discussion as to where the information should be obtained and what information would be acceptable. The principle was laid down that this should be an Institute of Governments, not of the people. It would secure information which would have the imprimatur of the governments adhering, so that we could have complete confidence in the information supplied.

When Mr. L. bin first started the idea he was stimulated by the fact, well-known and admitted, that a great deal of the reports in regard to agricultural information and the state of the crops and market prospects for food products of the world is supplied to the