

PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS ADMINISTERED BY A PRINCIPAL OFFICER
WHO IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR.

Advisory Council and Technical Committees.

The Advisory Council on plant and animal products was appointed in March, 1926, to advise on all matters relating to the utilisation of these groups of Empire raw materials and to initiate schemes of work which might be undertaken by the Institute. As already stated, the Chairman of the Council is Sir David Prain.

The principal work of the Council during the year has been the formation of a number of Advisory Technical Committees to deal with special subjects, on the lines of the Committees on Silk and Timbers which were established in 1916. The Committees at present constituted are as follows:—

Subject:	Chairman:
Silk - - -	- Sir Frank Warner, K.B.E.
Timbers - - -	- Mr. H. D. Searles-Wood, F.R.I.B.A.
Vegetable Fibres - - -	- Mr. Alfred Wigglesworth.
Animal Fibres - - -	- The Hon. Sir George Fairbairn.
Oils and Oilseeds - - -	- Dr. A. W. Hill, C.M.G., F.R.S.
Essential Oils and Resins	Mr. A. Chaston Chapman, F.R.S.
Tanning Materials - - -	- Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E., F.R.S.

Committees for other products will be formed as and when required.

Each of these Committees has a member of the Advisory Council as Chairman, and includes scientific and technical authorities, as well as representatives of the trades and industries concerned in its particular group of products. The High Commissioners of the Dominions and India have also nominated representatives on the Committees dealing with products which are of special interest to their respective countries.

It is not possible to deal in detail with the work of these Committees, some of which have only recently been formed, but the following paragraphs will indicate the nature of the problems to which they are devoting attention:—