

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS WITH
FOREIGN
COUNTRIES

2. The Report of the Committee on Commercial Relations with Foreign Countries was read to the Conference by the Honourable N.C. Havenga, the Chairman of the Committee. IT WAS AGREED unanimously to adopt the report without alteration.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE
ON METHODS
OF ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION

3. The Report of the Committee on Methods of Economic Co-operation was read to the Conference by Sir Atul Chatterjee, the Chairman of the Committee.

(a) Establishment of Investigating Committee.

A discussion ensued concerning the following recommendation of the Committee to the Conference:

'This Conference, having discussed the question of economic Consultation and Co-operation within the Commonwealth, and having considered the annexed report prepared for it on the constitution and functions of existing agencies operating in these fields:

Recommends that a committee should be appointed forthwith, consisting of not more than two representatives of each of the participating Governments, to consider the means of facilitating economic consultation and co-operation between the several Governments of the Commonwealth, including a survey of the functions, organization and financial bases of the agencies specified in the annexed report, and an examination of what alterations or modifications, if any, in the existing machinery for such co-operation within the Commonwealth are desirable.

The Conference further recommends that it shall be an instruction to the Committee to elect their own Chairman from among their members, and to report to the several Governments represented thereon not later than the 31st May next, with a view to the consideration of their report by the several Governments not later than September, 1933.'

MR. THOMAS stated that, in order that the necessary time might be available for the preparation and consideration of the report of the Committee covering the existing and future machinery for economic co-operation within the Commonwealth, the Government of the United Kingdom would continue to furnish any funds which may be required to finance essential work of the Empire Marketing Board down to the end of September, 1933.