

citizenship, conferred by the State in which they reside. The Upper House or Senate should consist of members representing all States of the Empire equally, five for each; they should be elected at the same time as the members of the Lower House but the electoral areas in the two cases should be different.

II.

The Imperial Ministry, to be chosen from the Imperial Assembly, should consist of at least one member from each of the Imperial States.

III.

The Federal Supreme Court should be formed out of the present Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and have jurisdiction in all cases of dispute between the Federal authority and a State, or between one State and another.

IV.

The following allocation of powers was made:—

(a) The Imperial Government should be given power to tax for purposes of Imperial defence, this power to be exercised by Imperial tax-collectors. [Messrs.—— present a minority note.]

(b) The Imperial Government should be given control of Foreign Policy, including the making of treaties and the declaration of war.

(c) The Imperial Government should be given power to fix the quota of men and ships to be furnished and maintained by each Dominion and should exercise complete control of these forces in peace and war.

(d) The Dominions should be given control of immigration, commercial treaties, tariffs and shipping, subject to a vote by a three-fifths majority in both Houses of the Imperial Parliament sitting together. In all cases the power of initiative must rest with the Dominion concerned.

(e) The Dominions would retain control of their respective local affairs.

(f) The unmentioned residue of power should go to the Imperial Government.

(g) It may be found that matters such as naturalization, marriage divorce, patents and cables should come under the control of the Imperial Government.

V.

As to the control of the Dependencies, the Group decided:—

(a) That India should be dependent upon the Imperial Parliament. [Messrs. H. and S. disagreed and thought that India should be under the control of the United Kingdom.]

(b) That the new Imperial Government should assume the same relation to Egypt as that of the present Government.

(c) That certain of the Dependencies should be handed over to certain Dominions, the residue becoming Dependencies of the Imperial Government.

(d) It was provided that a Dependency might become a Dominion if a Bill to that effect obtained a three-fifths majority in