

1. General meetings (to which a limited number of guests might be invited).
2. A series of round table discussions (on developments arising out of the Imperial Economic Conference).
- and 3. Research by study groups on a variety of important political and economic questions (including preparation for the Institute of Pacific Relations and the British Commonwealth Relations Conferences).

Mr. Hunter stated that the experience of Toronto had been much the same as that of Montreal. They had held general meetings and round tables.

Prof. MacKay stated that the Halifax branch had confined its activities to general meetings in which there was an address, followed by discussion. As it had proved difficult to get people in Halifax to prepare papers they had had to depend mainly on outsiders.

Dr. MacGibbon stated that the Winnipeg branch held general dinner meetings addressed usually by outside speakers.

Mr. MacRae stated that the position of the Regina Branch was very much the same as that of Halifax as they also were a small group. As there were few outside speakers visiting Regina the papers were usually delivered by their own members. The weakness of their branch was that as they had to depend so much on themselves there was danger that they might wear themselves out.

Mr. Wilson stated that Ottawa held only one type of meeting - the general meeting. There had been, however, an attempt to group the meetings so that three or four would be held on one subject such as gold or Russia.

In the discussion which followed Mr. Reading stated that the Montreal Branch had found that the most successful meetings were those in which the paper or papers presented were very short taking not more than fifteen minutes to deliver. The paper merely outlined conclusions, the arguments supporting those conclusions being brought out in the subsequent discussion when the writer of the paper would be on the defensive.

Mr. MacRae suggested that the Secretary should make a point of approaching such people of interest as were crossing Canada with a view to their addressing meetings of as many of the branches as could be arranged.

Prof. MacKay hoped that visitors to Canada could be persuaded to remember the existence of the port of Halifax, so that they would not travel directly to the West from the ports of New York and Montreal.