

Seven commissions were established for the consideration of the Conference agenda. The Canadian delegation was represented on these commissions.

One of the principal subjects discussed was agricultural employment. Three draft conventions and seven recommendations on this subject were adopted.

Among the conventions was one extending to all agricultural wage-earners the benefit of laws and regulations of Workmen's Compensation. Another convention was to establish the rights of associations and combination for agricultural workers, the same as for industrial workers.

A third was designed to prohibit the employment of children in agriculture during compulsory school hours.

These draft international conventions are only operative in those member States of the League that may ratify them.

New Organization on Epidemic Diseases

With the spread once more of influenza from Europe to America there is timely interest in the announcement that the League is about to co-ordinate information on epidemic diseases.

The Medical Director of the Secretariat of the League has sent a circular to all the health authorities of the world informing them that the Health Committee of the League has decided to organize at once a service of Intelligence on Epidemics.

This service is intended to insure rapid and effective interchange of information on epidemic diseases. The present difficulty of obtaining information on the prevalence of epidemics is generally admitted, particularly as the various national health administrations receive most of their information through diplomatic channels. This results in considerable delay.

A careful and detailed study will be made of the collection and distribution of this information. This study, it is suggested, as well as the future working of the service, will be greatly facilitated if all official publications issued by central health authorities are sent regularly to the Health Office of the League.

The Health Organization will keep all health authorities informed of any development in this information service.

It has been decided that, in view of the regularity with which epidemics recur, the data regarding the notification of certain epidemic diseases shall be published from time to time to serve as a permanent international record. For this purpose there is being established a "Bulletin of Epidemiological Intelligence".