

PIONEER WORK OF NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF EMPLOYERS
AND EMPLOYED.

Prior to the appointment of the Whitley Committee a number of the most influential employers and trade unionists in Britain met on December 7th, 1916, at the Hotel Cecil, London, and formed what is known as the National Alliance of Employers and Employed. It was formed to promote active co-operation of employers and employed in the consideration of questions generally affecting labour and employment in all trades and industrial occupations. It had also in view the welfare of the industrial workers of the country and the efficiency of its industries.

This society with the Rt. Hon. Huth Jackson, as Chairman and Mr. A. H. Patterson and Lieut. General Sir. E. Bethune as secretaries, has done splendid pioneer work throughout the United Kingdom in promoting the happy alliance of employers and employed, and in making possible the establishment of Joint Industrial Councils to deal with wages, conditions of labour, etc. It was considered by many that the Government might have been well advised to have used this organization for carrying on the propaganda work in establishing Industrial Councils throughout the country. This, however, was not done but the work of the National Alliance of employers and employed paved the way and continues to help in making easier the great service rendered by the Ministry of Labour in the actual formation of industrial councils throughout the country.

PROPAGANDA WORK BY MINISTRY OF LABOUR

The British Government in advising the formation of industrial councils adopted an educational propaganda among the unions of workers and employers. Attached to the Ministry of Labour is a body of well trained officials who confer with the leaders of labour unions showing them the advantages to be gained by meeting and conferring with the leaders of the unions of employers on all matters relating to the betterment of their particular industry.