

Treasury of Northern Ireland and a Chairman to be appointed by his Majesty.

Irish contribution to Imperial liabilities and expenditure.—Ireland is to make an annual contribution to Imperial liabilities and expenditure. For each of the first two years the contribution is fixed provisionally at £18,000,000, of which 56 per cent. is to be borne by Southern Ireland and 44 per cent. by Northern Ireland. After the end of the second year the contributions are to be revised by the joint Exchequer Board and to be fixed according to the relative taxable capacities of Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom, and, should the Board be of opinion that the £18,000,000 contributed in each of the first two years was excessive, or that the amount of the contribution in those years ought to have been apportioned between South and North in some other manner, the excess payments are to be credited to Ireland or to South or North, as the case may be, and the accounts adjusted accordingly.

Judicature.—The present Supreme Court for the whole of Ireland is to be abolished, and in its place there is to be a Supreme Court for Southern Ireland, a Supreme Court for Northern Ireland and a High Court of Appeal for all Ireland to which appeals will lie from each of the new Supreme Courts. Decisions of the new High Court of Appeal for Ireland will be subject to an appeal to the House of Lords. The office of Lord Chancellor of Ireland is to cease to be a political or executive office, and the Lord Chancellor is to be President of the High Court of Appeal for Ireland.

Matters excluded from the jurisdiction of the Parliaments and Governments.—Certain subjects are excluded expressly from the powers of the two Parliaments and Governments. They fall into two broad groups: first, matters of Imperial concern; and, secondly, matters affecting external trade and commerce, as regards which it is important to maintain a uniform system throughout the United Kingdom.

Within the first group come the Crown, the making of peace and war, treaties and foreign relations, and naval, military and air force matters.

Within the second group come trade with places outside the