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Messrs. F. Roy, E. Blake Robertson and Arthur Martel, also attended as technical advisers.

Recommendations were adopted by the Conference regarding (1) the prevention of unemployment in agriculture, (2) the protection of women wage-earners in agriculture, (3) night work of women in agriculture, (4) night work of children and young persons in agriculture, (5) the development of technical agricultural education, (6) living-in conditions of agricultural workers, (7) social insurance in agriculture, (8) the application of weekly rest in commercial establishments; and further, seven draft Conventions were adopted: (1) concerning the age for admission of children to employment in agriculture, (2) rights of association and combination of agricultural workers, (3) workmens' compensation in agriculture, (4) regarding the use of white lead in painting, (5) the application of weekly rest in industrial undertakings, (6) fixing the minimum age for admission of young persons to employment as trimmers and stokers, (7) compulsory medical examination of children and young persons employed at sea.

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION REGARDING THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Canada was also represented by Mr. J. Obed Smith, Canadian Superintendent of Immigration in Great Britain, at a conference on traffic in women and children at Geneva summoned to meet on June 30, 1921, at the instance of the League of Nations. An Act was adopted by the conference embodying resolutions and recommendations urging the adhesion of as many states as possible to the conventions for suppressing this traffic and the making more effective of the legislative measures for such suppression and for the protection of women and children.

The assembly of the League of Nations having considered these recommendations at its meeting in September, 1921, drew up a convention to carry them into effect which was signed by many of the representatives, including Canada's representative, the Rt. Hon. C. J. Doherty. This convention is to come into force in respect of each party on the deposit of its ratification or act of accession. The deposit of the King's ratification on behalf of Canada was made on June 28, 1922.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The sixth General Conference on Weights and Measures was held at Paris in September-October, 1921, Canada being represented by Mr. J. E. Sears, Deputy Warden of the Standards of the Imperial Board of Trade. An International Convention amending the convention of May 20, 1875, regarding the Metric System, was signed at Sevres, October 6, 1921, and awaits ratification.

INTERNATIONAL SEED CONTROL CONGRESS

On the invitation of the Danish Government a Canadian representative was appointed in the person of Mr. George H. Clark, Seed Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, to attend the International Seed Control Congress at Copenhagen in June, 1921. The object of the congress was to arrive at a mutual agreement as to technical methods to be adopted to insure uniformity of results as regards testing of seeds for purity and germination.

OTHER CONFERENCES

At the thirteenth International Geological Congress held at Brussels from the 10th to the 19th August, 1922, Canada was represented by Mr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines, and at the Pan-American Conference of Women at Baltimore in April, 1922, by Mrs. Ritchie England, M.D.