

connection that an agreement has been concluded between silver-producing countries and countries which possess large stocks of this metal, with a view to putting a stop to price fluctuations.

The report notes that it is probable that the discussions relating to the possibility of co-ordinating the production and sale of wheat, timber, coal, copper and tin will be continued or renewed shortly, and expresses the hope that they may lead to valuable results.

The report also notes that the work relating to veterinary and phytopathological questions, and the framing of a draft agreement dealing with a large number of technical questions bearing directly or indirectly upon the concept of indirect protectionism, are to be continued under the direction of the President of the Economic Commission of the Conference and with the assistance of the Economic Committee of the League.

The Committee was glad to be able to record that the Rockefeller Foundation had offered new grants for the work of the Fiscal Committee on international taxation questions and for the study of the causes of the recurrence of periods of economic depression.

On the proposal of its Chairman the Committee decided to request the Fourth Committee to provide a sum of 336,000 francs in the 1934 budget for a second session of the Monetary and Economic Conference. The insertion of this credit, it was made clear, would not pre-judge the question as to whether a second session would be convened.

Work of the Communications and Transit Organization

The Second Committee considered a report submitted by M. Wohlin (Sweden) on the work done by the Communications and Transit Organization of the League between the Thirteenth and Fourteenth ordinary sessions of the Assembly. In his report M. Wohlin established a comparison between the accounts of the work of the Organization during this last period and the accounts of previous periods, and remarked that the Organization has tended, with a view to economy, to restrict rather than to expand its activities, and to concentrate on a limited number of problems.

As regards the Wireless Station opened by the League in February, 1932, the Rapporteur was satisfied that it had fulfilled all expectations, both with regard to the rapid communication of important documents and in providing facilities for direct contact between the delegations of non-European countries and their Governments or the public opinion of their countries.

The Rapporteur mentioned that, in accordance with the proposals made by a Special Committee of the Communications and Transit Organization, the International Telegraphic Conference held at Madrid in September, 1932, decided to include in the new International Convention on Long-Distance Communications certain provisions calculated to improve the means of communication available to the League in times of emergency. Under these provisions, in the case of a threat of war, telegrams exchanged between the Secretary General or the President of the Council on the one hand, and a Minister, a member of a Government, a member of the Council of the League, or a member of a mission despatched by the Council on the other hand, would be granted priority over Government priority telegrams. The Rapporteur explained that this new provision is to be taken as applying generally to any telegraphic communication in times of emergency, whatever Articles of the Covenant may be invoked.

The Second Committee adopted M. Wohlin's report as submitted to it.

Work of the Health Organization

The work of the Health Organization was reviewed by the Second Committee upon the report of M. Baranyai, delegate of Hungary. In his report M.