

(3) Questions which do not require any preliminary discussion from the point of view of principle may be referred immediately by the General to the special Committees.

(4) Questions dealt with by the special Committees will form the subject of reports to the General Committee. It is understood that the special Committees are always entitled to submit to the General Committee any question of principle which arises and which they are unable to settle themselves.

The *rapporteur* arranged the table of proposals into four columns. The first shows the subject mentioned in the various chapters or articles of the Draft Convention; the second presents, opposite to each point, all the proposals put before the Conference which are in any way directly connected with it; the third contains questions of principle raised by the provisions of the Draft Convention and by the proposals of the delegations whose general importance appears to justify their being dealt with first by the General Committee; and the fourth column contains observations upon the method and time of referring various questions to the special or technical Committees. By this arrangement the whole has been reduced to a synopsis in parallel columns containing every possible idea or proposal so far put forward.

The Conference Bureau adopted this table as a working basis, but asked the *rapporteur* to draw up also a detailed programme of work. This he did in the form of a List of Questions to be dealt with by the various Committees, which was adopted by the Bureau, and which enumerated all the Articles of the Draft Convention to be dealt with by each body. An example of one of these may be given as a guide to the system on which the Committees work. Thus, the questions to be dealt with by the Committee on Budgetary Expenditure are enumerated as follows:—

(1) Article 29 (Limitation of total annual expenditure).

Proposals on the subject, more particularly:—

(A) Continuous study of the budgetary method in consideration of fluctuations in purchasing power.

(B) Budgetary limitation relating to total expenditure and to individual headings.

(C) Abolition of secret funds and unification of the military budget.

(2) Article 33 (Publicity of land and naval expenditure).

(3) Article 36 (Publicity as to total expenditure).

(4) Examination of the Report of the Committee of Experts on Budgetary Questions (C. 182, 1931, IX).

(A) Part of the Report concerning publicity.

(B) Part of the Report concerning limitation, in so far as this part deals with the questions enumerated under (1).

It was on March 8th that this List of Questions was adopted, and on the following day the Land, or Military, and Naval Committees began their work. An example at once occurred illustrating the