

PERMANENT BODY TO FIND JOBS FOR WORKLESS

Premiers Appoint Experts and Will Call Big Conference NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT PLANNED

MELBOURNE, Today.

THE Premiers' Conference today decided to establish a permanent secretariat to deal with the absorption of the workless in productive works.

The secretariat will consist of Messrs. H. W. Gepp (Commonwealth Consultant on Development), J. Gunn (Director of Development), J. F. Murphy (Assistant Director of Development), Dr. A. C. D. Rivett (chairman of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research), Prof. L. G. Melville (economic adviser to the Commonwealth Bank Board), E. J. Mulvany (secretary to the Federal Department of Markets), and Prof. L. F. Giblin (Acting Commonwealth Statistician), who will represent the Commonwealth Treasury.

It is proposed to convene a special conference of the various States to create work; to set up special committees representing all interests, and to correlate the work done in each State.



Prof. L. G. Melville Mr. H. W. Gepp



Mr. J. Gunn



Dr. A. C. D. Rivett

THE secretariat will be added to by nominees of the State Governments, to consider specific matters dealing with the States. The secretariat will deal also with replies to the Prime Minister's questionnaire to the State Governments requesting details of proposed works by Government departments and local governing bodies. It will have power to confer with private industrialists and representatives of the workers whenever necessary, and will make recommendations to Mr. Scullin.

A standing committee on agriculture will be called together to:—

- a. Adopt immediate plans to stimulate production and employment on existing farms.
- b. Classify areas capable of improvement, with a view to absorbing labor

and increasing productivity.

c. Determine the practicability of establishing small agricultural holdings with detailed plans.

d. Adopt long-range plans for intensifying development.

The Commonwealth Government will accept the responsibility within limitations of providing funds for exploring avenues and carrying out fundamental experiments with a view to issuing "national prospectuses" for the information of interested parties with capital.

Mr. L. L. Hill (Premier of South Australia) will not now move for the creation of a national emergency executive. He said after the conference adjourned for lunch today that the decision appoint a permanent secretariat adequately met the requirements of his plan.

Primary Education Not Enough

PROPOSED CUTS DEPLORED

EDUCATION to the top of the primary schools is not enough for our progress and safety. For the welfare and existence of our nation it is imperative that the masses shall not be ignorant."

That will be part of the presidential address of Mr. P. A. Corry (president of the South Australian Public Teachers' Union) at the annual meeting of that body at the Teachers' College, Kintore avenue, to-night.

"It is claimed that advanced education should be only for those of outstanding ability," Mr. Corry will say. "Too many fail to realise that the standards of the past do not represent the requirements of today.

THE REAL TEST

"The brain today plays a more important part in work than ever before, and tasks requiring muscle and little thought are few. Highly educated leaders directing ignorant employes cannot succeed.

"The claim that but few children are fitted for higher education is false. Every child should be given the opportunity to go as far as his ability will carry him.

"Which is the real test for advanced education—its cost or the fitness of the individual? Many believe that most children are not fitted for higher education. If that is so it applies equally to the children of rich and poor. Does the rich man who has dull children deny them the benefit of whatever good education will give them? He does not—and all honor to him.

"MEAN AND COWARDLY"

"But there is a demand in this State today that educational privileges shall be drastically curtailed, because the State is in financial straits.

"We have often been told that we borrow, and book the payment in the name of our children. Today even worse is proposed. To assist us to get out of difficulties of our own making there are those who would call on the children for contribution. Our difficulties are not due to the children. Are we to be so mean and cowardly that the children shall be called upon to pay for our sins?

"Let all true lovers of education and children unite, and the result will be one that will not cause us in days to come to blush with shame when reminded that we in the time of our greatest trouble and depression tried to save ourselves at the expense of children."