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Commonwealth Concessions for Soldier Settlers and the State Government's Attitude.

The early history of the overtures made by the League to the Commonwealth Government for concessions to soldier settlers in difficulties, has already been given space in these columns, and it was generally known that the granting of the Commonwealth's concession of £96,000 to the State was the result of the League's activities, the natural thing to expect was that it would be applied for the purpose for which it was conceded.

A controversy ensued between the League and the Minister for Lands, when the former became cognisant that it may be intended by the State Government to apply the grant to deficiences other than that of alleviating the distressing load of financial handicap shared by so many soldier settlers.

The Government of the State continued to talk round losses, and fail to recognise that these losses largely the result of its own administration. Mr. Angwin states that he has been advised that bad debts, etc., will considerably exceed the contributions of the Commonwealth. Now is this statement reconcilable with the Premier's announcement in Parliament on the 20th August last, that after all losses were ascertained there was a balance in the Commonwealth's concession fund of £47,738, with interest and interest charges to the State amounting to £96,000, and the Premier in reply said that only £436,430 had been received. This is then obviously a balance coming to the State of £259,570.

The concessions available from July, 1924, for soldier settlement in this State through Commonwealth concession are as follows:

- Credit Balance now held £143,738
- Balance payable to the State of £259,570
- Commonwealth Concession £96,000

Total: £1,199,308

The Minister stated that the commitments for soldier settlers from July, 1924, to September 30th, 1925, amounted to £1,199,308. With the 21 per cent concession rebate on timber, this for five years, (the Commonwealth are reducing interest charges to the State to 5 per cent. from Dec. 31, 1930), the State will require to find approximately £157,000. It is seen that the substantial sum of £1,187,000 will be left over for re-valuation purposes and for similar interest concessions to those qualified settlers who still desire to proceed with their application.

The Premier, in reply to the Prime Minister, based his calculations on the whole of the 1,800 qualified applicants coming under the S.S.S. The fact is that this number perhaps only 300 are now willing and ready for settlement. This would commit the State to an expenditure of about £450,000. The loss of interest concession on this amount for 5 years would be £56,250, still leaving a credit in the fund of over £1,130,000.

The Minister has still to tell us his proposals for the allocation of this amount. Why the delay? We have proof that the attitude of the League is to bring to the knowledge of the health of many settlers in difficulties, who have been hanging on to their properties in the hope that the Government would speedily come to their assistance.

It was never intended that the Commonwealth should bear the whole expense of soldier settlement, and it has been always understood between the parties concerned that the losses should be shared equally by the Commonwealth and States. We understand that this has been done in the other States. The resources of the States have been wonderfully enhanced as the result of soldier settlement. Much has been said of the cost of soldier settlement to the local Government, but the only extra concession granted to the soldier settler above the civilian land settler has been the reduction in the price of crown lands, and minor remission of fees.

It has been suggested that the Government may retain a large proportion of the concession money to meet future losses; but if properties were written down to their true value, no further losses should be anticipated.

The long delay is causing uneasiness and suspicion of the Government amongst soldier settlers. The money is legitimately theirs, and the League should be sufficiently strong to see that they get it. It is a desire—no political camouflage of the position. The firing of blank cartridges at League officials who loyally and efficiently do their duty to their organisation, has little effect on their interest put forward. We appeal to the State Cabinet to emerge from their dug-outs and shed the restraining influence of officialdom by determining without further delay to follow the lead of other States and appoint some board for revaluation purposes. The time to talk sympathy with the soldier has long since passed. In the dire extremities to which many men are reduced it is useless to delay any longer in the matter of prompt action without unnecessary verbiage. Our appeal to the Government is to "deliver the goods!"

Explanatory.

After discussion with the League, State Executive officials we decided to publish the report of the State Congress Report in full. This report has necessitated the inclusion of most of our usual features, and the withholding of correspondence submitted to us. The compilation of the report has also delayed publication. We thank all Journeymen and Sub-Branch officials to retain this issue for purposes of reference.

11th Battalion Association.

As the result of the enthusiasm displayed at the gathering on October 6th of members of this famous battalion, who met in reunion the first time since 1919, it has been decided to form a live association. This has necessitated the exclusion of most of our usual features, and the withholding of correspondence submitted to us. The compilation of the report has also delayed publication. We thank all Journeymen and Sub-Branch officials to retain this issue for purposes of reference.

Battalion Reunions.

During Show Week, where the opportunity exists for reading the old associates of war days in social fusions, the Battalion Associations get busy. Comradeship characterised the smoke held by the 28th Battalion Association, over a hundred being present. On the same night the 11th Battalion also held a successful Social and the charming point was the exchange of cards from the associations' representatives. The 10th Light Horse held a well attended function, the only adverse comment being that the troops seemed to have grown less fond of copious draughts. The line bush party for this expression of opinion should have been content that the abstinence of others left the field more open for himself. The 12th Battalion also improved a few shining hours talking of "the good old days."
COLONEL COLLETT’S MESSAGE.

Comrades,—

The office of State President of the R.S.L., one of great honour, has, in years gone by, been worthily filled by men whose value to the returned soldier is proved by the magnitude of the achievements on record.

Finding myself, as I do to-day, in that enviable position, I can only hope that the measure of success which has been secured by the League in the past may be sustained during the next twelve months. Towards that end my humble efforts will be directed.

There is undoubtedly a place for the League in the public life of Australia and towards that place it is gradually but surely moving. Its principal aims and objects, which are set out in the following paragraphs, are of such a nature as to be above criticism. Than the returned soldier there exists no truer patriot and no one with better knowledge of what is good for and due to his country and its people. He has indeed graduated in citizenship.

AIMS AND OBJECTS.

(a) To perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by mutual service in the Great War and the recollections associated with that experience; to maintain a proper standard of dignity and honour among all returned soldiers, and to set an example of public spirit and noble-hearted endeavour.

(b) To preserve the memory and records of those who suffered and died for the nation—to erect monuments to their valour—to provide them with suitable burial places, and to establish in their honour an annual commemoration day.

(c) To provide for the sick, wounded and needy among those who have served, and their dependants, including pensions, medical attention, homes and suitable employment.

(d) To inculcate loyalty to Australia and the Empire, and secure patriotic service in the interests of both.

(e) To guard the good name and preserve the interests and standing of returned sailors and soldiers.

(f) To induce members as citizens to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which sailors and soldiers they served Australia and the Empire, and to maintain an Association non-sectarian and non-partisan in relation to party politics and industrial disputes.

I trust that all who fought in the last war for the preservation of British liberty and British ideals will still, whether subscribing members of the League or not, co-operate in peace in the promotion of the welfare and happiness of the land which is our home.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

COLONEL H. B. COLLETT, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., V.D.

The New State President, W.A. Branch
R.S.L.

Colonel Collett was born in Guernsey, Channel Islands and came to this State in 1884.

At sixteen years of age he joined the Metropolitan Rifle Volunteers, Perth. He served five years in the ranks and was promoted to a commission in 1899.

The Colonel raised and organised the 28th Battalion, A.I.F., and commanded it in Egypt, Gallipoli, Sinai Peninsula, France and Flanders.

Was severely wounded in the Battle of Pozières Ridge and during the enforced stay in England commanded the 4th Training Brigade at Codford.

In 1918 was promoted to rank of Colonel and returned to England to command Australia’s biggest depot—that at Weymouth. From this point some 54,000 men were drafted to Australia.

Honours—Mentioned in despatches by F. M. Earl Haig and in the “London Gazette” by the Secretary of State for War. Received the C.M.G. and D.S.O. and was promoted brevet-colonel. Australian Military Forces, for “specially meritorious service.” Holds the Volunteer Officer’s Decoration and is a Justice of Peace for the City of Perth. Is an Honorary A.D.C. of the staff of H. E. the Governor-General of Australia.

Colonel Collett is prominently connected with various associations and institutions and earns his living as second-in-command of the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery of W.A.

A Proud Dad—Assistant Secretary Carl Ferguson.

Condolences to Harold Hawkins on the sad loss of his young wife.

Congratulations to H. S. Humphrey on his appointment as Secretary and Librarian to the Perth Literary Institute.

Married—Solicitor Neville Heenan; Illito Tailor Wally Kino.
The Ninth Annual Congress of the League was opened by the State President (Rev. D. I. Freedman, B.A.), at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 30th September, and finished with the singing of the National Anthem at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd October, 1925.

DELEGATES.
The following delegates attended:—
Albany, L. Hotchin; Beverley, Eustace Cohen; Boulder, E. Bosustow; Broome, Dr. Haynes; Bunbury, M. E. Zeffer; Calingiri, Mr. Hawkins; Cardiff, L. St. A. Wake; Collie, A. E. Anderson and H. May; Claremont, E. B. Smalpage; Coolup, C. Bader; Corrinig, H. Brankstone; Cranbrook, Rev. E. H. O. Nye; Coolgardie, E. S. Watt; Dunsborough, K. H. Manners; Donnybrook, H. Mellor; Fremantle, G. H. Philip and A. E. Pady; Geraldton, C. J. Cooke; Glenoran, Walter Scott; Harvey, R. J. Wright; Herne Hill, H. Lewer; Jarradup, C. Bloxsome; Kalamunda, P. J. King; Kulin, R. C. Price; Kulinit, J. M. Lawrie; Kalgoorlie, H. A. Kingsbury; Karri, C. O. L. Edwards and Mr. Manners; Katanning, G. B. Todd; Mukinbudin, Col. H. B. Collett; Northam, A. Stirling James; North Perth, A. V. Johnson; Laverton, W. A. Ross; Midland Junction, F. W. Bateson; Mt. Barker, W. Multons; Mt. Lawley, A. N. McDonald and L. D. McCarthy; Murray, Geo. Corss; Narembeen, W. North; Narrogin, H. James; Northampton, Rev. C. L. Riley; Oaklands, A. E. Hardwick; Perth, J. Mulqueen y; G. S. Mellor, C. P. Lennear; C. Longmore, C. L. Harvey, L. L. Thordall; Quairading, F. Reid; Railway Workshops, J. Kane; W. J. Lovell and P. Connolly; Serpentine, T. G. Selleck; Subiaco, A. G. Green; Traralgon, Jos. Hart; Upper Swan, A. Yeates; Walpole, N. Wright; W. Guildford, P. E. Wedd; West Swan, F. K. Adams and later J. Woods; West Perth, L. A. Robertson, F. J. McAdam, R. E. Tyler, L. A. Morrison and A. Stewart; York, N. Buchman; Spearwood, G. D. Shaw; Sisters' Sub-Branch, Matron McDonald; Boyup Brook, J. Corrnell, M. L.C; Dalwallinu, Col. R. F. Fitzgerald; Darling Range, H. Logie; Maylands, H. Yeates.

Women's Auxiliary.
Fremantle, Mrs. Kirby; West Swan, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; Subiaco, Mrs. Desmond; Midland Junction, Mrs. Baine.

Moved by Mr. Wright (Harve) and seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that the State Secretary be instructed to write to Sub-Branch Secretaries who had defaulted in the matter of sending delegates' names, pointing out the importance of this matter—Carried.

Agenda Committee.
The reports of the provisional agenda committee (Messrs. Zeffer, McDonald and Benser) were after slight amendment adopted.

Moved by Mr. Bader (Coolup) and seconded by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan).
That the Provisional Agenda Committee act as the Agenda Committee—Carried.

The State President/Rabbi D. I. Freedman, then delivered his annual address to delegates as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
Comrades,—
In opening the 9th Annual Congress of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., let me in the first place extend a cordial welcome to the delegates present as well as to the representatives of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Once more delegates have assembled from all parts of the State, and I trust that their meeting in conclave will prove not only of great benefit to their respective branches and to the League, but also to our country, to which, in the last analysis, the League is continuallyrendering inestimable service.

When a few years ago it was decided to admit representatives from the Women's Auxiliaries, to give them a voice in the proceedings but without a vote, it was hoped thereby that interest in these important adjuncts to the League would be stimulated and that not only would the existing Auxiliaries be strengthened, but new ones 'would be formed everywhere.

The experience is that the activity of a Branch is increased and its work becomes more progressive when it receives the support of the women of the district organised as an Auxiliary. Though there is an exception here and there, it only goes to prove the rule, the branches which have done the most successful work in the past year, has been those which have had their Women's Auxiliaries.

Arrangements have been made for delegates and the women representatives to meet socially—notably the reception that is being held this evening. I trust that the members will avail themselves of this opportunity of knowing one another better than perhaps they can across the Conference Table. In this connection, I refer to the Constitution for its kindness in helping us to entertain the delegates.

I must be careful not to attempt to give you—in this welcome, anything in the nature of a report of all the work that has been accomplished by the League during the past year. This has been done so fully and so adequately in the report of the State Secretary, a copy of which has been placed before branches, and which I am sure you have all read carefully, that it is unnecessary for me to go over all that we have done and all that we have tried to do on your behalf.

Looking back on the past year, I think I am right in saying that the name of the R.S.L. is one of good report throughout the country. It is recognised that it is an organisation having no shadow of a political purpose to serve, having no end of its own to compass, but that it is all out for the good of the men and the dependents of the men to whom Australia owes all that she holds precious to-day.

It is also being known more and more that the R.S.L. is out to maintain the peace, strength and solidarity of Australia, for which its members fought on many battlefields where so many of their comrades fell, and of which it is the pride of every branch member, to be associated with a body which has such a splendid history.

In many ways, the League in this State has made gratifying progress in the past year. At the commencement of the financial year there were 88 sub-branches. At the close, the number was increased to 103, and it should be borne in mind that the League has a hundred flags throughout the State making centres of its active interest. The count of the financial members is slightly fewer than it was at the beginning of the year, but still over 4,000, a fine, strong, healthy membership. Actually, the number would have shown considerably more, had the branch Secretaries been as prompt and punctual in their Returns as the Constitution requires them to be, and as they owe it to the organisation that they should be.

The finances of the Central Executive continue to be sound, and the League is well equipped for the time being to carry out its manifold obligations. One thing should be clearly understood by you, that is—that the proportion of the capitation fees that comes to the State Executive is wholly inadequate for its necessary purpose, and should be a charge on the fee if sole dependence rested on the fee.

It is a source of gratification to know that in the past year, the League, having become possessed of considerable funds,
as the result of an Art Union (and perhaps wearing the collar I do, I should not bless an Art Union), for the first time it became its own headquarters for distributing relief to diggers and their dependents in distressed circumstances.

Delegates, you have before you a long and varied agenda paper, in which the question of soldier settlement looms largest. The latter subject will particularly require your close attention. For a considerable period it has been very near the heart and mind of your State Executive, who deemed the matter important enough to send a delegate to the Fountain Head. The report of the delegate, Mr. H. E. Bolton, will be submitted to you during Congress.

A year ago, a burning question with us was the tendency that was showing itself on the part of the Authorities to reduce pensions without sufficient warrant. You charged your delegates to the Federal Congress to take up the matter, and I am glad to report to you that in the past year, the tendency in the direction referred to was on the whole adequately checked.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce to you that as the result of representations made by the Federal President (Mr. Dyett), the Unemployment Grant made by the Commonwealth Government, which was to have ceased altogether to-day, 30th Sept., has been further extended to the end of June, 1926.

Another pleasing item that I give you is the news that reached us, informing us that a further £6,000 has been received by Australia from the British Authorities to the United Services Fund, which, as you know, is for the benefit of ex-Imperial soldiers. The amount allocated to this State has not yet been decided, but we trust it will be in keeping with the number of soldier migrants who settle in West Australia.

It is also a source of pleasure to give over to you the reply made by the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Collier), to a deputation consisting of Col. Denton, M.L.A., Mr. A. Wilson, M.L.A., your State Secretary, and myself, which waited on him on Friday last, in connection with the consolidation of all monies collected for patriotic purposes during the War and now lying unused. The Premier informed us that the Bill embodying the recommendations of the Royal Commission is already printed, and that he hoped to bring it before the House and have it placed on the Statute Book this Session.

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I extend to him a very warm welcome, in which I am sure every member of the R.S.L. will heartily join. It is of course to the Federal Congress which this year will be held in Perth in November next, that he will give his official report. At the same time, anything he cares to tell the delegates here assembled with regard to his important mission, will, I know, be received with great interest.

I have now pleasure in declaring the 9th Congress of the R.S.L. open.

(Sgd.) D. I. FREEDMAN.

Moved by Col. Collett (Mukdenbundin), seconded by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), that the Report of the State President be adopted.—Carried.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was then taken as read.

Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland), that Congress place on record its high appreciation of the excellent service rendered to the State by the Ex-Soldier by the retiring President, Rabbi D. I. Freedman; and regrets his decision not to submit his name for re-nomination to the position, and that a suitably-inscribed gold medal be presented to him, the cost not to exceed £5. —Carried.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were then adopted.

Soldier Inspection's Reports.

In accordance with the Agenda Committee's Report, items 4 and 14 were then taken and read as follows:

(4) Murray: Congress is of the opinion that when reports are submitted to the Agricultural Bank, by Agricultural Bank Inspectors, concerning soldier settlers, a copy of same must be supplied to the settler concerned.

(14) Murray: Congress recommends that soldier settlers should be shown every consideration if they find themselves in financial difficulties with the Agricultural Bank, and that only in very special cases should foreclosure measures be decided upon by the Bank Authorities.

The State Secretary delivered a report on the subject of these items, which was discussed at the recent Soldier Settlers' Conference. He outlined the action which had been taken, and stated that matters were still proceeding.

Moved by Mr. Wright (Harvey), seconded by Mr. Bloxsome (Jandup), that instead of items 4 and 14, the following motion be adopted:—"Congress is of the opinion that when any adverse report is submitted to the Agricultural Bank, by a Bank Inspector, concerning a soldier settler, a copy of same must be supplied to the settler concerned."—Carried.

Commonwealth Concessions—Soldier Settlement.

Mr. H. E. Bolton attended Congress and delivered a lengthy report on his mission to Melbourne in connection with Soldier Settlement, which was received and adopted.

The State Secretary's report on this matter was also adopted.

Re-Valuation S.S. Properties.

Item 32, reading as follows, was then taken:

Darling Range.—That Congress approach the State Government for re-valuation of Soldier Settlement properties, such re-valuation to be based on a fair standard of survey, consistent with efficient working of property.

Moved by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), seconded by Mr. Logie (Darling Range), and amended to read:—"That re-valuation of Soldier Settlers' Holdings be made on the basis which shall make a living possible, consistent with efficient working of property, such re-valuation to be done by sectional Boards according to the resolutions passed by the Soldier Settlers' Conference, each case to be dealt with on its merits."—Carried.

Land Committee.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Agenda Committee, a Land Committee consisting of Messrs. Yeates, Logie, Mulqueeney, Shaw, and McBride, was appointed to deal with items 1, 3, 9, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 33, as follows:

(1) Cranbrook: That the League shall procure an assurance from the Government that all of the Commonwealth Grant to Soldier Settlers be expended on men at present on their holdings.

(3) Corrigin: The Concession of £96,000 granted by the Commonwealth Government to the Soldier Settlers of this State being of paramount importance, Congress should discuss and express its opinion on the proposed methods of apportioning this sum.

(9) Kulim: Congress agrees to take action on behalf of Soldier Settlers in various areas, who for different reasons, are unable to participate in the Commonwealth Wire-Netting Grant.

(15) Kelmscott: That the Commonwealth Government concession to the States, be used only for resident Soldier...
Settlers in need of assistance, and not for reduction of liabilities on abandoned properties.

(19) Harvey: That Congress is of the opinion that, as the cost of developing and bringing to a state of productivity is greater in the South West than in other parts of the State, the Commonwealth Government be approached to increase the amount of advance from £625 to £1,000 to Soldier Settlers.

(21) Corrigan: That in the opinion of this Committee, the time has arrived for farmers to fence against the rabbit invasion, and that the Federal Government be approached to provide a grant sufficient to cover the expenditure of fencing the holdings of soldier settlers. Such grant to be free of interest, with repayments spread over a period of twenty years, and such wire to be admitted into the country free of duty.”

Item No. 23 be referred to Congress.

Item No. 26:—That this subject has been fully dealt with by the resolution passed by Congress dealing with re-valuation.

Item No. 19:—With reference to Item No. 19, your Sub-Committee is unable to make a recommendation and refer this back to Congress.

(Sgd.) A. YEATES.

Chairman, Lands Sub-Committee.

Balbarrup Settlers.

Moved by Mr. Fanning (Dingup), seconded by Mr. Bloxsome (Jarnadup), that Item 27 be dealt with by Congress.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Bader (Coolup), that the following addendum be added to the motion in the Land Committee’s Report, covering Items No. 1, 3, 15, 22, 27 and 33:—”And further, that Congress enters an emphatic protest against the Commonwealth’s stated intention of withdrawing from its responsibilities in connection with the further settlement of soldiers under the Soldier Settlement Scheme”—Carried.

Items 1, 3, 15, 22, 27 and 33 were deleted in accordance with the Committee’s report and the following motion carried:—That Congress is of the opinion that a portion of the Federal Grant of £796,000 to the State of W.A. be allocated to alleviating cases of hardship of those settlers operating under the Soldier Settlement Scheme, and not for recouping losses incurred on abandoned properties or defraying costs of Departmental administration, and further that Congress enters an emphatic protest against the Commonwealth’s stated intention of withdrawing from its responsibilities in connection with the further settlement of soldiers under the Soldier Settlement Scheme.”—Carried.

The Land Committee’s Report was then adopted as amended.

Wire-Netting Grant.

Item 9:—Moved by Mr. Lawrie (Kulin), seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Congress agrees to take action on behalf of Soldier Settlers in various areas, who for different reasons, are unable to participate in the Commonwealth Wire-Netting Grant.—Carried.

Rabbit Invasion.

Items 21 and 25:—Amended to read:—“That in the opinion of Congress, the time has arrived for farmers to fence against the rabbit invasion, and that the Federal Government be approached to provide a grant sufficient to cover the expenditure of fencing the holdings of soldier settlers. Such grant to be free of interest, and with repayments spread over a period of twenty years.”—Carried.

Threshing Machine.

Item 23:—Moved by Mr. Bloxsome (Jarnadup), seconded by Mr. Fanning (Dingup), that a travelling threshing and winnowing machine be supplied by the

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Government in each agricultural area where required.—Carried.

Advance to Soldier Settlers.

Item 19.—Moved by Mr. Wright (Harvey), seconded by Mr. Exelby (Waroona), that this item be amended to read:—

"Congress requests that the present amount advanced by the Commonwealth Government to the State Governments for Soldier Land Settlement purposes, should be increased from £625 to £1000."—Carried.

Ex Imperial Land Settlers.

Items 17 and 18, as follows, were withdrawn:—

(17) Harvey: That Congress is of the opinion that ex-Imperial Service men taking up S.S.S. abandoned blocks, should receive the same treatment as A.I.F. settlers, even to the extent of participating in concessions.

(18) Harvey: That the League approach the Empire Service League, to request the Overseas Settlement Committee, London (Eng.), to make a grant of £625 for each ex-Imperial Soldier settling on the land in Australia, to enable Australian State Governments to give same conditions of settlement to ex-Imperial men as A.I.F. men.

Moved by Mr. Wright (Harvey), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), that the League request the British Empire Service League to approach the Overseas Settlement Committee, London, with a view to such Committee granting, individually, a measure of financial assistance, over and above any consideration granted by any Dominion Government to ex-Imperial Soldiers availing themselves of Land Settlement provisions operating within the several Dominions.—Carried.

Marketing & Timber Committee.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Agenda Committee, a Marketing and Timber Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Hutton, Price and Logie, to deal with Items 6, 10, 96 and 97, as follows:—

(6) Glenorap: Congress appoint a deputation to await on the Government re marketing of Soldier Settlers' produce.

(10) Jarndap: That an experimental farm be erected in the Warren district.

(96) Nannap: That the attention of the Government be directed towards the urgent necessity for amending the present Forestry Act, so as to enable returned soldiers to select small holdings on land now held by the Forestry Department, as it is recognised that there are many acres suitable for intense culture containing no milling or marketable timbers whatever.

(97) Nannap: That for the welfare of returned soldier sleeper-cutters, the Government's attention be drawn to the unnecessary waste of timber on most Saw Milling Concessions, and recommends that in all future concessions, provision should be made enabling sleeper-hewers to follow the mill fallers.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:—

I beg to state that Mr. Price and myself were introduced to Mr. Kessell, Conservator of Forests, by Mr. A. A. Wilson, M.L.A. In reference to Item 96, Mr. Kessell advised us:—

That any person may apply for an area of arable land in the State which remains Crown Lands and his application will receive careful consideration at all times. In the case of areas applied for in or adjoining Forest Department reserves, the application is referred to the Forests Department by the Lands Department, and in practically every case, a field inspection is made. If the land applied for is arable land, and its alienation will not conflict with the interests of the Timber Industry, the Lands Department is notified that there is no objection to alienation.

Item 97.—The policy now adopted in connection with Saw Milling Permits, is that when a person secures under a permit agreement saw-milling rights, he shall not, in exercising the privileges conferred by the permit, cut timber for other than saw-milling purposes.

(a) Hewing at the present time is restricted through the cutting of timber in advance of settlement and very extensive areas have been made available of country carrying a certain amount of timber on which Group Settlement is taking place. It will be generally recognised that this timber must be cut with all expedition in order to enable clearing and ring-harking work to be carried out on the Groups without obstructing the advance of re-forestation work.

(b) It is recognised by the Department that the most economical and efficient method of removing the mature and over mature timber on certain cut-over areas before such country is closed for re-
eration, is by hewing, and as rapidly as staff can be trained in silvicultural work, and the necessary organisation established, work is being provided for hewers in prime forest country, thus it might be explained that instead of the practice of hewers clearing up the bush in advance of regeneration, work is being established in as many centres as funds and trained staff permit.

(Sgd.) C. H. HUTTON.

Items 6 and 91 were withdrawn:—

(01). Darling Range: That Congress request the State Government to immediately introduce a Soldiers’ Primary Producers’ Organisation Bill.

Moved by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), and seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland), that Congress support the Marketing Bill at present going through Parliament, as it meets the desires of the Soldier Settlers—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bloxsome (Jandund), seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald (Dalwallinu). That an experimental farm be erected in the Warren district.—Carried.

Group Settlement Committee.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Agenda Committee Messrs. Harvey, Scott and Hardwick were appointed a Group Settlement Committee to deal with Items 2, 5, 11, 13 and 80 as follows:—

(2) Railway Workshops: That in the opinion of Congress the Soldier Settlement Act should permit of its provision being extended to Returned Soldier apprentices irrespective of any previous Repatriation allowances.

(5) Perth: Congress is of the opinion that the minimum rate of sustenance to all soldier settlers be 9/- per day.

(8) Jandund: That this Congress desires the action of the Government in importing men, horses and cattle for Group work in the South-West, as we are of the opinion that the same can be supplied in this State.

(11) Oaklands: The Congress approach the Group Settlement Advisory Board, with a view to their altering their decision not to allow soldier settlers on piece-work to transfer from one location to another.

(12) Oaklands: That Congress consider the Group Settlement Advisory Committee re the poor class of cows supplied to settlers and endeavour to arrange for a better selection of animals for the Groups.

(80) Oaklands: That Congress confer with the Minister for Lands, with a view to having the Group Settlement Staff adhere more strictly to the promises of the Government at the outbreak of the War, and that has been maintained by each successive Government, namely—Preferential to Returned Soldiers.

The Report subsequently submitted read as follows:—

Your Committee appointed to investigate general land matters, as the Group Settler is in receipt of a minimum grant of 10/- per day.

Item No. 8.—Your Committee, after careful consideration and after a lengthy exchange of views between the Group Settlement Authorities and the Agricultural Department, have arrived at the conclusion that it is in the best interests of the Group Settlers to import cows and horses from the Eastern States. Firstly, because it appears necessary to introduce new-blood into the industry; and secondly, because, in a large number of instances, the cattle purchased locally have been of an inferior quality.

In the case of men being brought from the East, your Committee is of the opinion that in the case of Group Settlement, where dairying is the main industry, it is to the best interests of the settlers to obtain dairying experts as instructors (Senior Foremen), if possible, locally, but if the men with the necessary knowledge are not available locally, then it will be advisable to bring them from dairying centres in the East.

Item No. 11.—Your Committee discussed this matter with the Controller of Group Settlement, and the Under Secretary for Group Settlement, and it was stated that regulation existed prohibiting the transfer of piece-workers, every case would be dealt with by the Advisory Board on its merits.

Item No. 13.—This matter was discussed with Mr. Barlow-Hay, of the Agricultural Department, who pointed out that only 3 per cent. of the buying of the Agricultural Department was considered “bad buying.”

The procedure adopted at present is, if a cow is purchased for the settler, and then, after a period of four months, found to be a bad purchase or unsuitable, the settler can obtain permission to sell the cattle in question. This, of course, in every case means a loss of a considerable amount of money which must be borne by the
Peel Estate, the local administration is non-sympathetic to returned soldiers. Although the Field Supervisor (Mr. Abernethy) has been instructed (we believe) on several occasions to adhere to the principle of preference to returned soldiers, doubts are frequently antagonistic. This can be substantiated by members of the various groups and by reference to the Peel Estate file in the R.S.L. Office.

Your Committee strongly recommends that the utmost publicity be given to all Group matters.

(Sgd.) C. L. HARVEY,
Chairman, Group Settlement Committee.

Moved by Mr. Harvey (Perth), seconded by Mr. Scott (Glenoran), that the report be adopted.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that the Committee delete that portion of the report dealing with the Supervisor of the Peel Estate.—Lost.

Item 2 was adopted on the motion of Messrs. Connolly and Kane (Railway Workshops).

Item 3, on the motion of Messrs. Montgomery (Perth) and Brankston (Coolgardie), was adopted.

Soldier Settlement—South-West.

Moved by Mr. Exelby (Waroona), seconded by Mr. Hutton (Nannup), that matters referring to Soldier Settlement applying to Wheat-Belt and South-West be dealt with separately.—Carried.

S.S. Conference.

Moved by Mr. Adams (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Wright (Harvey) that in the opinion of Congress, a Conference of Soldier Settlers, as held last year, should be held annually.—Carried.

Publicity—Group Settlement Matters.

Moved by Mr. Selleck (Serpentine), seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald (D'Alwallinu) that this Branch strongly urge that all Group Settlement matters be given a full hearing at Congress in order to obtain the satisfaction of publicity.—Carried.


Moved by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), seconded by Mr. Hart (Traeyning), that these two items be adopted with the deletion of the word "onwards" in Item 24, and substitute the words, "to Merredin."—Carried.

Kalkalling—Mukenburg Road.

Moved by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that Congress endorses the action taken by the Soldier Settlers of Lake Brown to have a road adjacent to the Railway Line between Mukenburg and Kalkalling declared, and requests the Minister for Lands to take the necessary steps to have the settlers' needs in this direction provided for.—Carried.

Appreciation—Parliamentarians.

Moved by Mr. Blake (Mundaring), seconded by Mr. Bate Son (Midland), that a vote of thanks be passed to all members of Parliament for assistance rendered in connection with soldier matters.—Carried.

The letter was read from Mr. H. E. Richards, of Lake Brown, regarding I.A.B. soldier farmers, and was referred to the Executive for the necessary action.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

Moved by Mr. Bader (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Blossome (Jarradup), that Section (a) of Item 34, reading as follows, be adopted:

(34) (a) Mt. Lawley: This Sub-Branch recommends an amendment to the Constitution re Annual Election of Officeholders, as follows:—Rule 6, para. 1, line (3), after the word "Congress" the following be added:—"Provided that completed nomination forms endorsed by the nominee for office shall be lodged at the Executive Office, and circulated to all sub-branches one month prior to Congress."—Lost.

Section (b) of Item 34, as follows, was withdrawn:

34 (b), Rule 15 (c).—The following words to be added after the words "W.A. Branch":—"Provided that completed nomination forms, endorsed by the nominee for office, shall be lodged at the Executive Office, and circulated to all sub-branches one month prior to Congress."—Lost.

34 (c) read as follows:—Amendment para. (d) to be para. (e), and para. (d) to read instead:—"The Auditor so appointed, in addition to the present audit, shall conduct an audit of all financial ventures carried on by or in the name of the State Executive of the R.S.L."

On the motion of Mr. Bader (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Isaac (Northam), Section (c) of Item 34 was amended to read:—"That a qualified Accountant, who shall be a financial member of the W.A. Branch, shall be annually appointed by Congress, and he shall conduct every audit or audits involving any and every pecuniary transaction by or in the name of the W.A. Branch."—Carried.

Item 35, which read as follows, was withdrawn at the request of the North Perth delegate:

North Perth: That Rule 13, para (1) in the book of Constitution be altered to...
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read.—"Each Sub-Branch shall elect annually amongst its members a President and two Vice-Presidents, in place of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman." S.A. AND IMP. VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

Moved by Mr. Kingsbury (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland), that Congress consider the advisability of approaching the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association with a view to amalgamation with the R.S.I.L. of Australia.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), that the Constitution be so amended as to include all soldiers who have fought for the British Empire in any war.—Carried.

MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Perth), that Congress is of the opinion that the membership fee should be 5/- per annum.—Lost.

Representation at Congress.

Harvey.—That on Page 45, Rule 14, par. (2), the word "one" in the first line, be struck out, and the word "two" inserted instead.

Mr. Wright (Harvey) obtained leave to move the following as an amendment in lieu of this item: Seconded by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), that on Page 45, Rule 14, par. (2), be amended to read as follows.—

"That for the first 100 members or part thereof, two delegates, each delegate to have one vote only, and for every additional 100 or part thereof, one additional delegate, provided that the maximum number of delegates from any sub-branch shall not exceed six. Provided also on any division taken in Congress, any sub-branch may exercise its full voting power notwithstanding that its full quota of delegates be not present, when any division is taken." —Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Wedd (West Guildford), seconded by Mr. Green (Subiaco), that Rule 14, clause (2) be amended to read:—"For each 50 members or part thereof, one delegate; the next 50 members to have an additional delegate. Then one delegate to each one hundred members. The maximum representation to be five delegates for each branch."—Lost.

Associate Members.

Moved by Mr. Lawrie (Kulin), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that the Constitution of the League be so amended as to permit of the enrolment of Associate Members, for example—all men who endeavoured to enlist and were rejected for medical reasons; all men who enlisted, and were in camp at the time when the Armistice was signed; all male parents of returned and deceased soldiers.—Lost.

Item 40.—Moved by Mr. Bosustow (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth), that on p. 49, par. (6), of the W.A. Constitution, the word "may" be deleted, and the word "shall" be substituted.—Lost.

Official Organ.

Item 49, as follows, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Hart (Trayning).

Nannup: Congress affirms the desirability of continuing to have an official organ such as the "Listening Post", but recommends some more adequate arrangements for the delivery of same to sub-branches or financial members.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Mellor (Perth), that the "Listening Post" be abolished, and the Capitation Fees revert to 4/-.

R.S.L. Ventures.

Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that no sub-branch shall conduct any public venture, financial or otherwise, in the name of the sub-branch of the R.S.L., without having first obtained the approval of the Executive. Upon finalisation of any such authorised ventures, a financial statement shall be prepared and a copy of same forwarded to the Executive, signed by at least two responsible officials of the sub-branch concerned.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland), that the words "any public venture, financial or otherwise" be included in their place "any sweep, Art Union, or like venture suggesting an element of chance, excluding social functions."—Lost.
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League Paid Positions.

Moved by Mr. Taylor (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Green (Subiaco), that it be a recommendation to Congress that in future no member of the Executive be eligible to apply for a paid position in the League.—Lost.

Organiser.

Item 56, Glenoran, reading as follows, was then taken:—Congress affirms the desirability of the appointment of a Country Organiser, to further the interests of the League.

Moved by Mr. Max (Collie), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railways Works), item 88, as follows, which was subsequently withdrawn:

(88) Collie: That the Congress directs the incoming State Executive to request the Federal Executive to make such arrangements as will allow of delegates to all overseas Conferences of ex-Service men, being elected on a majority vote of sub-branches. Sub-branches only to deal with nominees from their particular State.

Central Sub-Branch.

Moved by Mr. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth), that in the opinion of this Congress the Central Sub-Branch should be abolished.—Lost.

Visits to Sub-Branches.

Item 52 read as follows:—

Kirup: That Executive Officers or State Secretary visit sub-branches at least twice yearly, in order that League matters might be discussed.

Moved by Mr. Price (Kirup), seconded by Mr. Bloxsome (Jarradup), and amended to read:—That, where practicable, Executive Officers or State Secretary visit sub-branches at least twice yearly, in order that League matters might be discussed.—Carried.

Ex-Imperial Soldiers.

Items 51, 54 and 57, as follows, were adopted on the motion of Mr. Scott (Glenoran), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie).

(51) Fremantle: That the incoming Executive take into consideration the adoption of a motion of meeting on arrival all ex-Imperial men, who have immigrated to Australia, with the object of making them members of the League, and further that in the necessary literature be dispatched to a representative in England for distribution among ex-Imperial men, outlining the aims and objects, together with the work achieved by the League.

(54) Fremantle: That Congress be asked to define the position of ex-Imperial members of the League, in comparison to A.I.F. members of the League.

(57) Glenoran: Congress recommend to the incoming Executive, the necessity for more propaganda being spread amongst ex-Service, most intending to migrate to Australia, concerning our League and its activities.

Honorary Organisers.

Item 93, Darling Range: That Congress is of the opinion that Returned Soldiers who travel the country on business, be invited to act as propagandists for the League, and be supplied with the necessary printed matter.

Moved by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald (Dalwallinu), that it be amended to read:—That Congress is of the opinion that Returned Soldiers who travel the country be invited to act as Honorary Organisers for the League, with authority to enrol soldiers as members of the League's nearest sub-branch.”—Carried.

AMELIORATION. Financial Members and Amelioration.

Items 63, 64 and 66, reading as follows, were grouped:

(63) Fremantle: That, in the opinion of this Congress, the time has arrived when the elimination from the benefits of the R.S.L. Amelioration Funds, of non-members, be taken into consideration and that in future only financial members of at least six months' standing, war widows and dependents, shall be eligible for assistance from such funds.

(64) Railways Workshops: That no financial assistance shall be given to returned soldiers who have been unfavourable with the League for the previous twelve months.

(66) Kirup: That no member of the R.S.L. be assisted through the R.S.L. Amelioration Funds except he be recommended by his sub-branch.

Mr. Philip moved, seconded by Mr. Price, that Congress affirms the desirability of discontinuing assistance to non-

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members of the League, but leaves the granting or withholding of such assistance to the discretion of the State Executive, or the officials of the sub-branch to whom the appeal is made.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Kane (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), that in the opinion of Congress, the time has arrived when the elimination from the benefits of the R.S.L. Amelioration Funds of non-members, be taken into consideration, and that in future only financial members, war widows and dependents shall be eligible for assistance from such funds.—Lost.

Allocation of Amelioration Fund.

Items 65, 67, 68 and 69, as follows, were taken together:

(65) Midland Junction: That a percentage of the Amelioration Fund be allotted to the whole of the sub-branches for the purpose of assisting local cases of distress, and that assistance from the R.S.L. Relief Funds be confined to financial members of the League only.

(67) Kirup: That the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund be apportioned to town and country, in proportion to membership.

(68) Kalgoorlie: That Congress consider the distribution of profits from State R.S.L. Art Unions amongst sub-branches on a pro-rata sales basis.

(69) Railway Workshops: That in the opinion of this branch, a percentage of the Amelioration Fund should be distributed pro-rata, on membership basis, among all sub-branches, for the assistance of local returned soldiers in distress. Moved by Mr. Kingsbury (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Edwards (Kalgoorlie), that Item 68 be taken as the substantive motion and adopted.—Lost.

Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), moved Item 69 as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops)—Lost.

Cars for Funerals.

Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Mellor (Perth), that the amount of £50 per annum be set aside from the R.S.L. Relief Fund, for the purpose of providing motor cars for patients who may wish to accompany the funeral of a deceased comrade, from Repatriation Institutions.—Lost.

It was reported by the State President that information had been received that motor cars will be provided by the Motor Trust Fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

State President.

Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., being the only nominee, was declared elected.

Vice-Presidents.

The following nominations were received for the two Vice-Presidents:—Messrs. Humphrey, Zeffert, Isaac, Riley and McDonald. An exhaustive ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. Riley and Isaac.

Trustees.

The following nominations were received for the positions of Trustees:—Messrs. McDonald, Philp, McAdam, Morrell and Bolton. An exhaustive ballot resulted in the appointment of Messrs. McDonald, Philp and McAdam.

Auditor.

Nominations were taken for the position of Auditor, and Mr. J. J. Prendergast, being the only nominee, was declared elected.

R.S.L. Co-op. Director.

Nominations were received as follows:—Messrs. Longmore, McDonald, McAdam and Bolton. On a preferential ballot being taken, Mr. A. N. McDonald was appointed.

Committeeemen.

Nominations were received for the Executive Committeeemen, as follows:—Messrs. Cornell, Nye, Lennon, Humphrey, Zeffert, Tyler, Fitzgerald, Cohen, Kane, Harvey, James, Bolton, Tindall, Cooke, Watt, Yeates, Bader, Mellor, Longmore, Pady, Bateson, Wedd, Logie, Stewart, Shaw and Wake.

The election for the appointment of fifteen (15) Committeeemen, resulted in the following order:—Messrs. Cornell, Shaw, Nye, Yeates, Logie, Wedd, Watt, Bafeson, Longmore, Zeffert, Fitzgerald, Humphrey, Pady, Bolton, James, Bader, Cohen, Harvey, Tyler, Mellor, Kane, Cooke, Wake, Lennon, Tindall, Stewart.

The first fifteen were duly declared elected.

Allocation of Districts.

Moved by Mr. Cornell (Booyup Brook), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that the fifteen Committeeemen elected be allotted to the following districts:—H. S. Humphrey; Leederville, Subiaco, North Perth and West Perth.


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F. W. Bateson: Perth, East Perth, Can-

ning and Guildford.
R. F. Fitzgerald: Greenough, Irwin, Moora and Geraldton.
A. E. Yeates: Carnarvon, Roebourne and Pilbara.

NEWDEGATE CUP

Prior to the presentation of the Newdegate Cup to the Collie Sub-branch by His Excellency the Governor, the following report of the Committee was adopted:

Comrades,—

On September 15th, the duly constituted Committee, met and considered nominations for the Newdegate Cup Competition, 1925. The State President, Rabbi D. I. Freedman, Mr. A. Stirling, Isaac, Colonel Collett and the State Secretary were present. Major-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs was unavoidably absent at a funeral service.

There were three competitors, viz.—Collie, Kalgoorlie, and Boulder.

After a close scrutiny of the very excellent achievement of the three sub-branches, your Committee unanimously considered that the award should go to Collie for the second time, with Kalgoorlie a very close runner-up.

The Judges decided to congratulate the winners on the splendid record of achievement for the year, and particularly on the high percentage of increase over the last year's membership, and the very meritorious Amelioration and Social efforts of the sub-branch. The Collie Sub-Branch is a miniature of what the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. should be.

Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch is to be commended for its earnest practical efforts to carry out the League's aims and objects. Its Anzac Day Memorial Service, followed by addresses to the school chil-


dren at the Town Hall, provided striking testimony, if any were needed, that the people were behind the League in its protest against the ill-timed prohibition of soldiers' addresses.

The Collie, Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches, together with all units of the organisation, are urged to continue their praiseworthy efforts so that our standard of achievement will become higher and higher.

(Sgd.) D. I. FREEDMAN.

PENSIONS.

Fitness of Soldiers.

Item 41—Moved by Mr. Lawrie (Kulin), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), that whereas many returned soldiers were passed for service by Commonwealth Medical Officers as physically fit, and were attested to be so, and are now refused pensions by the Commonwealth Repatriation Medical Officers, on the grounds that their present unfitness is due to pre-war disability, Congress is of the opinion that this is inconsistent, and infers that one set of Medical Officers are rebutting the testimony of another, and the Commonwealth Authorities are evading an obligation by this means—Carried.

An amendment by Mr. Johnson (Kelmscott), seconded by Mr. Hart (Maylands), that in the opinion of Congress, all men who offered themselves for service and were accepted after a medical examination, should be considered perfectly healthy from that date, and therefore should not be refused any rights under the War Pensions Act for themselves or their dependents through Medical Officers giving as their opinion that the disabilities arose from pre-war causes.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Rev. Riley (Northampton), that the matter be referred to the incoming Executive.—Lost.

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Medical Examinations.

Item 42.- Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that Congress urges on all returned soldiers the obvious duty of presenting themselves for medical examination to a Repatriation Medical Officer for periodical review, as suggested in the Royal Commission’s Report on War Disabilities.—Carried.

Pensions Board.

Item 43. as follows, was withdrawn—

North Perth: That the R.S.L. representative on the Pensions Board be instructed to render a monthly detailed report to Central Executive.—Withdrawn.

Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Isaac, that the incoming Executive consider the advisability, and if thought fit, take action to secure through its representative on the State Repatriation Board, periodical reports of pension claims and revisions dealt with by such Board.—Carried.

Pension Finalisation.

Moved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Philip (Fremantle), that Congress reaffirms the motion regarding finalisation of pensions as passed at the last Congress.—Carried.

Case of F. W. Wood.

Moved by Mr. May (Collie), seconded by Mr. Wedge (Fremantle), that Congress enter an emphatic protest regarding the action of the Repatriation Commission in refusing to recognise the case of Mr. F. W. Wood, as being war caused.—Carried.

WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Interest.

Item 45, reading as follows—

Katanning: In view of the market being more stabilised, this Branch recommends Congress to approach the Federal Government with a view to having the rate of interest reduced on money advanced on War Service Homes.

Moved by Mr. Todd (Katanning), seconded by Mr. Bader (Coolup), that Item 45 be amended to read as follows, and adopted:—"In view of the market being more stabilised, the Federal Executive be approached and requested to make representations to the Federal Government, with a view to having the rate of interest reduced on money advanced on War Service Homes, or alternatively, to having a rebate allowed for prompt payment of rents.”—Carried.

Soldier Representation W.H.B.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Fanning (Dingup), that Congress re-affirms the necessity of the soldier representative on the Workers’ Homes Board.—Carried.

SOLDIERS’ INSTITUTE.

Items 53, 60 and 61 were grouped, and on the motion of Mr. Johnson (North Perth), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), were adopted—

Item 60 taken as substantive motion.

(53) Kirup: That rooms be procured to run in conjunction with the Soldiers’ Institute for the purpose of lodging country members whilst in town.

(60) North Perth: That Congress affirms the desirability of full and absolute control of the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, be vested in the State Executive of the R.S.L.

(61) Kalgoorlie: That Congress approach the Red Cross Society, and request them to transfer the control of Red Cross Institutes or Soldiers’ Rest Rooms now used by R.S.L. Sub-branches, to the W.A. Branch of the Returned Soldiers’ League.

Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Stewart (West Perth), that this branch recommends for the earnest consideration of Congress, the removal of the League Headquarters to a more central position, to be owned and controlled solely by the State Executive of the R.S.L. W.A. Branch.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that the Executive endeavour to obtain a 99 years lease of the Institute, with a view to additional building for the purpose of a Club.—Carried.

The following item (Perth) was deleted:

"That Congress is of the opinion that the amount to be charged to the Soldiers’ Institute for administration, be reduced to £104 per annum.”

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Moved by Mr. Cornell (Boyup Brook), seconded by Mr. May (Collie), that this matter be brought under the notice of the Auditor, and he be asked his opinion, and if he thinks that the amount being charged for administration of the Institute is excessive, to be reduced.—Carried.

R.S.L. CO-OPERATIVE CO. LTD.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Agenda Committee, Messrs. Mellor (Perth) and Bader (Coolup) were appointed as a Committee to deal with Item 84 as follows—

(84) North Perth: That the League’s Director on the R.S.L. Co-operative Co. be requested to furnish the following information—

(1) The total number of returned soldiers registered as shareholders in the
R.S.I. Co-operative Co.-

(2) The total issue of shares.
(3) The names and addresses of all shareholders holding more than 100 shares.
(4) The number of R.S.I. members included amongst shareholders.
(5) The number of males and females employed by the R.S.I. Co-operative Co.—(a) Number of returned soldiers; (b) number of R.S.I. members; (c) number of details of other employees.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:-

Question No. 1.—The total number of Returned Soldiers registered as shareholders in the R.S.I. Co-operative Trading Co., is 3,692.

Question No. 2.—The total issue of shares: 3,692 preference shares, 5,000 ordinary shares.

Question No. 3.—The names and addresses of all shareholders holding more than one hundred shares: Three people hold more than one hundred shares, and they are:-

Rabbi Freedman 1,500
Col. Collett 1,000
G. S. Mellor 2,506

In the case of Mr. G. S. Mellor, 2,506 Collett, the shares are held in trust for the sub-branches, with the exception of Perth Sub-branch and the League, respectively.

In the case of Rabbi Freedman and Col. shares are held in trust on behalf of the Perth Sub-branch. The remaining 5 being in his own name.

Question No. 4.—The number of R.S.I. members included amongst shareholders. This question cannot be answered by the Co-operative Company, as all shares are registered in accordance with Articles of Association.

Question No. 5.—The total number of males and females employed by the R.S.I. Co-operative Co.—37.

Question No. 5 (a).—The number of Returned Soldiers. All male employees are returned males, with the exception of apprentices, who are all dependents of returned soldiers, engaged through the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust, and who are not in receipt of full wages, with the exception of one, who has now tendered his resignation.

Question No. 5 (b).—We are advised by the Managing Director, that as far as he is aware, all the Returned Soldier employees of the Co-op. are members of the League.

Question No. 5 (c).—We are of the opinion that this question should not be answered, as it is really one which concerns the internal management and control of the business, but we have been assured that the information can be obtained by all shareholders at shortest notice.

The foregoing information has been obtained by consultation with the League's Director, Mr. Bolton, and also the Managing Director of the Co-op., Mr. J. R. Butler.

The Shares Register of the Company has also been inspected.

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(2) That failing statutory enactment being given to Congress decision in respect to the observance of Anzac Day. Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully-paid statutory holiday, applicable to all workers.

Item 74, reading as follows, was withdrawn:
Boulder: That this Congress of Returned Soldiers representing all branches in W.A., make representations to the Government to introduce a Bill as soon as possible, for the observance of Anzac Day as a public holiday.—Withdrawn.

Item 76, reading as follows, was withdrawn:
Darling Range: When April 25th does not fall on a Sunday, that Anzac Day be celebrated on the Sunday following the 25th April.—Withdrawn.

School Observance.
Item 72, reading as follows, was taken:
(27) Mt. Lawley: Congress deprecates the action of the State Government in excluding Returned Soldier speakers from Anzac Day Commemoration Services in the State Schools.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Colgen (Beverley), that this item be amended to read: “That Congress deprecates the action of the State Government abrogating the practice hitherto enjoyed by Head Teachers namely, the privilege of inviting Returned Soldiers to deliver addresses in State Schools commemorating Anzac Day.—Carried.

Paid Holiday.
Moved by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops) that this branch continue to fight for Anzac Day as a paid holiday for all Government employees, and for free transport for all ex-soldiers attending their nearest Anzac Day Celebration Service.—Lose.

Privileges.
Moved by Mr. Tindall (Perth), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), that any privileges enjoyed by A.I.F. men on Anzac Day be extended to ex-service men without distinction.—Carried.

STATE WAR MEMORIAL.
 Appreciation of Committee.
The following motion submitted by the Mt. Lawley sub-branch, was considered.
Congress extends its thanks and appreciation to the State War Memorial Committee for its efforts and endeavours to erect a fitting monument to perpetuate the memory of our 6,000 Fallen Comrades, and urges it to ardently prosecute its activities until the object it has set itself is achieved.

Moved by Rev. Nye (Cranbrook), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that its adoption with the alteration of the word “Monument” in the 3rd line, to “Memorial”—Carried.

Type of Memorial.
Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), sec-

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emanded by Mr. Mellor (Perth):—
That this Congress is of the opinion that the State War Memorial should be of an utilitarian type, such as a wing to the Perth Public Hospital, rather than of a non-utilitarian character.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Rev. Nye (Cranbrook) seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), that this Congress is of the opinion that the State War Memorial should be in the form of a monument to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades.—Carried.

PREFERENCE.
Employees, C.H.I.
Item 72, reading as follows, was taken:
C.H.I.—That all employees of the Hospital for Returned Soldier Mental Patients now in course of erection at West Subiaco, shall be either returned soldiers or nurses, and that such employees who are at any time engaged in the nursing of, or attending to the patients domiciled therein, must have passed the Qualifying Examination for a Certificate of Competency in Mental Nursing, such Certificate to be the same or equal to that laid down by the Lunacy Act and Regulations of W.A.

Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), with addendum—provided, however, that the present employees of the Repatriation Hospital, "Stromness," be eligible for employment in the above-mentioned Mental Hospital at West Subiaco, and that any of those employees who have not qualified for the Mental Nursing Certificate be allowed to attend and who may be employed in the nursing of, and attending the patients therein, be given the opportunity of training for such Certificate.—Carried.

Preference on Road Work.
Moved by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Fanning (Dingup), that Congress approach the Prime Minister, requesting his action to ensure that unemployed returned soldiers are given preference on road works being carried out under the Federal Road Grant.—Carried.

Ex-Imperial Soldiers.
Item 81, read as follows:
West Perth: That this Congress discuss the question of establishing a definite order of preference for ex-Imperial soldiers, particularly in regard to the Commonwealth Public Service, where they now receive no consideration.

Moved by Mr. M. Morrison (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Robertson (West Perth), that Item 81 be amended to read:—That
Imperial Returned Soldiers be included within the definition of 'Returned Soldier' in the Commonwealth Public Service Act and Regulations, and that they be given seconded to A.I.F. Returned Soldiers."—Carried.

Perth Council Quarries.

Item 85, Darling Range: That Congress reaffirms the principle of the preference to returned soldiers, especially in appointments by Government and public bodies. Moved by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), that this item be adopted with the following addendum:—That Congress condemns the action of the Perth City Council in confirming the employment of Southern Europeans in preference to Britshers at Statham's Siding Quarries."—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Kane (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that Congress re-affirms the principle of preference to returned soldiers and Southern Europeans, especially in appointments to Government and public bodies.—Lost.

A Committee of three was then appointed to wait on the Mayor of Perth, in connection with the employment of Southern Europeans, Messrs. Shaw, James and Harvey being elected.

The Committee subsequently reported, and it was decided, owing to the information received, to send the delegation to the quarries, to get first-hand information as to the work.

Children's Hospital.

It was reported that a non-soldier had been appointed to fill the vacancy of secretary to this institution, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Wedd, May and Nye was appointed to investigate. This committee in their report disclosed that no flagrant breach of the preference policy had been perpetrated, and no further action was taken, the report being adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley) and Mr. Kane (Railway Workshops).

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH.

Item 98, reading as follows, was taken:

"Kelman of future generations that men and wealth be conscripted and trading with enemy countries prohibited.

Moved by Mr. Johnson (Kelmcott), seconded by Mr. Smallage (Clarke), that this item be adopted with the following addendum:—After the word "prohibited" add "Such legislation as part of rational preparation, to be enacted now in time of peace, to come into operation at the discretion of the Executive, and that the delegation from Kelmcott be invited to attend when the matter is being discussed."—Lost.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Certificate of Merit.

Moved by Mr. Bosow (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Kingsbury (Kalgoorlie), that the League's Certificate of Merit be granted to Mr. H. O. Irwin, of Boulder City, for services rendered.—Carried.

"History of Australia."—Carried.

Item 85, Fremantle: That Congress be asked to endeavour to get the "History of Australia" taught in all schools throughout Australia. Moved by Mr. Philp (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Bloxome (Jarnadup), that it be referred to the incoming Executive.—Carried.

Immigration.

Moved by Mr. Paris (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Hutton (Nannup), that Congress strongly protest against the uncontrolled immigration from Great Britain, especially in the domain of British nationality, and seek to include such persons in the scheme for obtaining subscriptions from sub-branches for the endowment of a cot in the Soldiers' Hospital.—Carried.

Maylands Branch.

Mr. Hart (Maylands) moved that this Congress recommends sale of motor held as security on amount of £3/- per annum to Maylands Sub-branch in the name of the incoming Executive for finalisation.

Kalgoorlie Branch.

Moved by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Kingsbury (Kalgoorlie), that the debt of £40/- be treated as outstanding, and that the incoming Executive be referred to the Trustees of the A.I.F. to boost all Australian-made goods throughout Australia and the Empire.—Carried.

Canteen Funds.

Moved by Mr. Gerald M. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. McCarthy (Mt. Lawley), that it be a recommendation from Congress to the Trustees of the A.I.F. Canteen Funds Trust, that a proportion of any remaining balances be allotted to the State Branches of the R.S.L. for amelioration purposes in necessitous cases.—Carried.

Sub-Branch Art Unions.

Moved by Mr. Price (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Price (Kalgoorlie), that a sub-branch Art Union be formed in the Soldiers' Institute, with use of the League's equipment.—Carried.

Art Union.

At the request of the West Swan delegate, Item 89, as follows, was withdrawn:

"West Swan: That in the opinion of this Congress, an Art Union, which the proceeds of which would be 1/-, should have a wider appeal than those at present promoted, and that the question of promoting one at this price be seriously considered."—Withdrawn.

Poppy Day.

Moved by Mr. Cohen (Beverley), seconded by Mr. Bader (Coolgardie), that the whole of the profits from the sale of poppies on Poppy Day, be definitely allotted for amelioration purposes.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bader (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Hart (Maylands), that the whole of the proceeds from the sale of the Executive from the sale of poppies on Poppy Day, be definitely allotted to the R.S.L. Relief Fund.—Lost.

Fremantle Wonderworld Funds.

Item 95, Fremantle: That Congress appoint a committee to investigate and report on the present position with regard to the late Fremantle District Wonderworld Funds, now lying in Trust.

Moved by Mr. Price (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Hart (Trayning), and sought to include after the word "report" in the second line "to Congress".—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Wedd (West Guildford), that the incoming Executive investigate the position with regard to the disposal of the late Fremantle District Wonderworld Funds, now lying in Trust.—Carried.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland), that an independent committee be appointed by Congress to report to the Executive on the present position with regard to the disposal of the late Fremantle District Wonderworld Fund, now lying in Trust.—Carried.

Sandalwood.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Ross (Laverton), the following was referred to the Executive for consideration:—That the Executive be given permission to distribute Sandalwood on application, during any time of the year. Several of our men have applied for Sandalwood, and the incoming State President, were appointed as a committee.

Australian-Made Goods.

Moved by Mr. Philip (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Paris (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Mt. Lawley), that Item 90, as follows, be referred to the incoming Executive for action:—That the incoming Executive be asked to boost all Australian-made goods throughout Australia and the Empire.—Carried.

Mr. C. Tucker (Dandalup), Mr. Capps (West Guildford), the following was referred to the Executive for consideration:—That the Congress supports the amendment of the Executive:—That the Congress urges the necessity of a bridge being built for Mr. C. Tucker, of North Dandalup, at a cost of about £300, by the Public Works Department, and this Congress requests the incoming Executive to again take steps in this matter.—Carried.

J. Jarvis (Mt. Lawley), Mr. Watt (West Guildford) obtained permission to bring the case of Mr. Jarvis before Congress.

Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolgardie), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), that the case be sent to the hands of the State Secretary.—Carried.

War Relief Funds.

Moved and seconded, that a Committee of three (3) be appointed to consider the
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proposed War Patriotic Fund Bill, and make, if necessary, suggestions for alteration.—Carried.

Messrs. Mellor, G. H. James and the State Secretary, were appointed.

The Committee at a later stage stated that a more detailed perusal of the Bill is required, and suggested that the subsequent report be submitted to the incoming Executive. This suggestion was adopted.

Item 94, as follows, was withdrawn:—

West Perth: That it be a recommendation to Congress that the incoming Executive approach the Premier in respect to the balance of monies held by inoperative War Patriotic Bodies; that same be pooled and handed to the State Executive for Returned Soldiers' League Amelioration purposes.

Big Brother Movement.

Mr. Zeffer (Bunbury), a delegate from the League on the New Settlers' League, reported on the "Big Brother" movement, and moved that it received the approval and support of Congress, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald (Dalwallinu).—Carried.

Visitors.

The following visitors were welcomed:—His Excellency the Governor, Archbishop Riley, General Hobbs, Colonel Hardie, President of the R.M.L.M.A. (Mr. J. Campbell), and Sir James Mitchell.

Entertainment of Delegates.

During the period of Congress, delegates were entertained by the State President, W.A. Trotting Association, Sir Thomas Coombe, W.A. Football League and the Kelmscott Sub-branch.

Final Report.

The Agenda Committee's Final Report was then delivered as follows, and adopted on the motion of Mr. Brankstone (Corrigin), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Darling Range):—

That the thanks of Congress be extended to:

(a) The Retiring President, and members of the Executive.
(b) The Secretarial and Office Staff.
(c) Ministers and Departmental Heads who received deputations and co-operated with Congress Committees.
(d) Delegates from Women's Auxiliaries attending Congress.
(e) Sir Thomas Coombe, W.A. Trotting Association, and W.A. Football League.
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THE DIGGER'S FAIR.

Before many days are past the residents of Perth and district will once again be treated to what is fast becoming an institution in W.A., namely, the Digger's Fair.

During the past years this fair has achieved marked success, and no unstinted praise is due to the Fair Committee and the very energetic Secretary who has worked whole-heartedly in this very fine endeavour to raise funds for amelioration purposes.

During the past year £457 15s. 10d. has been disbursed to the necessitous diggers or their dependants by the Perth Sub-branch in the following manner:—

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Total: £457 15 10

There have been applications from 40 sub-branches of the League.

The furthest North being Gascoyne; the furthest South, Manjimup; and the furthest East, Grass Patch.

Out of the amount expended on amelioration, 11 widows of fallen soldiers have received assistance.

This very material help to the returned soldier and his dependants has only been possible through the Digger's Fair, and it is obvious that this good work must continue.

As time goes on the genuine cases in need of assistance increase in number, and unless there are funds available such as the Amelioration Fund kept in being by the Digger's Fair, then the genuine battered Digger, up against it, must suffer.

The committee are appealing particularly to the diggers in the Metropolitan area for their support financially and morally to insure the success of this venture and wish it to be impressed on their memory that the Digger's Fair will be opened on November 14th and continue until December 17th, 1925.

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