

## APPENDIX.

*Resolutions as accepted at the Road-Rail Conference.*

1. This Conference is of opinion that, *in the general public interest*, the time has come for increased co-operation and a more intelligent co-ordination of effort between the various authorities and interests concerned, in the matter of :—

(a) future Railway development,  
and of

(b) the future development of road communications, whether used for motor transport or other purposes,

so as to secure a more comprehensive and uniform plan of general development than at present exists.

In areas where uneconomic competition between railway and road transport has been proved to exist, such increased co-operation and co-ordination may necessitate the adoption, *by mutual agreement*, of measures designed to reduce such uneconomic competition to the minimum compatible with the maintenance of healthy competition.

Any comprehensive or uniform plan of general development must sooner or later involve a gradual expansion of facilities for rural motor transport, complementary to the Railways and to other existing arterial forms of transport, but as internal district communications—apart from the main arteries—are largely controlled by local bodies, any intra-provincial co-ordination of effort must necessarily in the first instance be a matter for the local Governments and legislatures, who, in such matters, should consult, and to the best of their ability, co-operate with the Railway and other interests concerned.

2. In order to ensure increased co-operation and more intelligent co-ordination of effort between the various authorities concerned, this Conference considers that the following measures would be justifiable :—

(a) The control of public service and goods motor transport should be regulated in the interests of public safety and convenience.

(b) The number of vehicles licensed to ply for hire should be restricted so as to prevent such competition between all forms of transport as may be contrary to the public interest.

3. This Conference considers that the statutory provisions which at present limit the operation of motor services by certain railways should be repealed.

4. This Conference recommends that the present regulations regarding public service and goods motor transport should be reviewed with the object of amending them so as to afford every encouragement to the development of rural services even to the extent in exceptional cases of granting of monopolies for limited periods.

5. This Conference considers that, in the interests of all concerned, a co-ordinated plan should be drawn up for the taxation of motor transport by the various authorities concerned.

6. This Conference considers that—

(a) the present road development account should be continued for the duration of the present constitution and would urge that provision for its continuance be made in the new constitution ;

(b) the class of roads to which the road development account should be applied, including the maintenance of roads constructed from that account, be reconsidered ;

in present circumstances the most urgent need is an improvement in the efficiency, and a reduction in the cost, of the transport of agricultural produce to markets and thence to the railways ; future road development programmes should be framed accordingly.

7. This Conference considers that it is necessary to study the question whether such lack of balance as at present exists in the road systems will, if the means of development are restricted to revenue resources, be susceptible of correction either at all or at a rate consistent with the economic needs of the country ; and accordingly recommends that a comprehensive plan should be drawn up with a view to examining the possibility of development of both main and subsidiary roads from loan funds within the limit of the resources available for maintenance.

8. This Conference considers that suitable machinery should be established at the Centre and in the Provinces to ensure adequate co-ordination between all forms of transport and their future development.