

Before the II Commission discusses the work required of the Agricultural Information section, I wish to raise a preliminary question.

At the meeting of the Ist. Commission on the 8th February, the question of cost for the ~~Library~~ publication of the Library catalogue (known as the Bibliographical Bulletin) was discussed, and the proposed annual expenditure for same was close on 50% of the total credit allowed for publications in the Budget.

~~If that proposal is adapted~~

Clearly if that proposal carry it would interfere with the allotment of expenditure for the other branches of the Institute's work, especially so in the case of the branch of work now up for consideration.

It would seem to me that before an allotment is made for any one branch of work, the total sum at our disposal for publications should first be apportioned between the several branches of work. Otherwise, there is a likelihood of miscalculation and confusion.

In order to explain my meaning, so there shall be no misunderstanding, I herewith submit an outline of such allotment for your consideration.

PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRINTING FUND BETWEEN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF WORK OF THE Institute TAKING 100 AS TOTAL EXPENDITURE.

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Clark	{	Bulletin	40%
		Inventory Etc.	12%
	Giglioli	20%	
	3rd. Division	15%	
	Proces Verbaux a,d Interior printing	10%	
	Bibliography	3%	
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I herewith submit a brief argument showing reasons why this apportionment should be made. Clearly crop-reporting is the principal branch of our work, and the broad-cast diffusion of the Bulletin should be our first aim. In my own case I have now a mailing list for the CropReporter of some 1400 copies, and I expect that this will shortly be increased manifold. Now let us multiply this by the needs of the delegates for all the other adbering countries, and it will be evident that at least 40% of the total appropriation for publiwa-tions will not be excessive for this branch of the work.

At first sight the allowance of 3% for the publication of the Library catalogue (Bibliographical Bulletin) may appear entirely inadequate. But as the material for this publication is restricted to

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the incoming publications received by our, at present, skeleton li-
brary, and as it will, therefore, only be of interest to a limited
number of students, it will be obvious that 3% will be a just ratio
to our total appropriation for publications. The General Assembly
decided that this publication is to be issued weekly, and this can
be done within the limits of the 3% proposed by mimeographing a ^{weekly}
edition of 100 or 150 copies, to sent to the few officials who may
desire it.