

graphical considerations on the whole favoured the Lithuanian claim at any rate as far as the river Sventa, while the State-political claims in connection with her access to the sea called for considerable elbow room in respect of the construction of what will in the first instance, be a fishing port, at that river,- a scheme to which the Lithuanian Government has committed itself. It is selfevident that the economic future of the region is bound to be greater when forming half, if not the whole, of the coastal area of Lithuania, than as a cul-de-sac at the end of the long Latvian coast.

Whatever tends to make for the economic development of Lithuania cannot harm Latvia, as the economic interest of these sister States are not contrary but supplemental. There is of course the element of real patriotic feeling, always admirable and incalculable, of which Latvia will not, however, claim the monopoly, but the President is of opinion that a sober review of the results of the work of the Court as a whole will make clear that it is at any rate not Latvia that has suffered.

Closely associated with the frontier question from the beginning were the railway problems arising out of the situations in the Mojaiki and Kalkune railway triangles respectively. These have been subject of most careful consideration by the Court, with the aid of railway experts from either side, both on the spot and in the Council Chamber. When it became clear that no solution along the lines of transfer of territory was justifiable on historical or ethnographical grounds, the railway problems were thereafter studied together as a whole. As a result the Court unanimously and most earnestly recommend to their respective Governments the advisability of the Solution forthwith of the problems of Mojaiki and Kalkune as Exchange stations in terms of a Convention safeguarding the legitimate and distinct traffic interests of either State, and subject to the following fundamental considerations; (1) that the railway shall remain the property of the States in whose territory they are located; (2) that the Convention shall be for a period of 5 years, subject to reconsideration if necessary after 3