

Still more startling, at least to the outside world, the Dominions have secured the right to send their own accredited diplomatic representatives to foreign Powers. No wide use has yet been made of this new right, but since 1923 a new Canadian legation was set up in Paris and a prospective Irish legation in Paris, and a Canadian one in Tokyo were announced.

In other ways the Dominions have made their presence felt as separate factors in the international Society of States. On occasion they have shown a disposition to pursue a political policy of their own, and sometimes a policy in contrast, if not in actual conflict, with that of Great Britain. Thus, in application, as they alleged, of Article 18 of the Covenant, the Government of the Irish Free State in 1925 registered with the League of Nations the Anglo-Irish 'treaty' in virtue of which the Free State was set up, although the British Government formally protested that that treaty was not an 'international engagement' of any kind. (1) Thus again the Canadian Government in March 1925 addressed to the Council of the League a separate note stating their policy on the Geneva Protocol - a policy which differed greatly from

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(1) Cf. pp. 305-6, 319 et seqq., infra.