

AN AMUSING IMPERTINENCE.

Five exceedingly eventful years have elapsed since the League of Nations was established at Geneva. If it has not accomplished during that period all that was anticipated, most people who are sane acknowledge that much good has resulted from its efforts, although during these years it has encountered conditions of extreme difficulty.

In Great Britain, hardly a public man of prominence but who is a strong advocate of the League; and nine-tenths of the members of the British House of Commons are pledged to support it. Only a few days ago Foreign Secretary CHAMBERLAIN, repeating the words of LORD BALFOUR, declared that if the League did not exist it would be necessary to create it.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the *Financial Post* of Toronto rises to declare that "only the BORDEN-FOSTER-ROWELL idealists and the *Toronto Star* communists have any use for the League in Canada."

Among the supporters of the League in this country are the Prime Minister and nearly all the members of his Cabinet, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Progressive party, the great majority of Provincial Ministers, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, the principal members of the Judiciary, both Federal and Provincial, the Rector of the University of Montreal and the Principals and Presidents of the other universities. In the Federal Parliament and in the Provincial Legislatures a vast majority of the members are supporters of the League.

The League can claim the support of the leading figures in financial, industrial and business life. Space forbids us to name more than a few, such as E. W. BEATTY, SIR VINCENT MEREDITH, SIR LOMER GOUIN, S. R. PARSONS, COL. R. W. LEONARD, E. R. WOOD, SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE, HUNTLEY R. DRUMMOND, SIR JOHN GIBSON, J. H. GUNBY, P. BURNS, SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, T. B. MACAULAY, Brigadier-General C. H. MITCHELL, HUME CRONIN, SIR AUGUSTUS NANTON, SIR GEORGE PERLEY, G. C. PINNOCK, RICHARD SOUTHAM, F. S. MOLSON, G. W. BIRKS, C. D. MASSEY, Hon. George G. FOSTER, SIR HENRY EGAN, COL. J. W. WOODS, ROSS H. McMASTER, W. R. RUNDLE. This list might be continued almost indefinitely without exhausting the names of prominent Canadians who have avowed themselves supporters of the purpose and methods of the League.

The League also has the support of leading church organizations, the National Council of Women of Canada, the Women's Institutes, the Canadian Clubs and Rotary Clubs all over Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the I.O.D.E. organizations all over Canada, the G.W.V.A. of Canada, the Dominion Council Y.W.C.A., the Nurses' Associations, the Hebrew Ladies' Society, the Bonne Entente League and many other associations, as well as the mayors of nearly every important city and town from Atlantic to Pacific. And finally, the League of Nations receives almost universal support from the Canadian press.

Under these circumstances the claim of the *Financial Post* to speak for the people of Canada in condemnation of the League is an amusing impertinence, and leads to the suspicion that Tooley Street tailors have found reincarnation in its editorial staff.