

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Tenth Assembly of the League was held at Geneva from September 2 to September 25. Delegates from fifty-three States attended. The Canadian representatives this year were Hon. Raoul Dandurand, Hon. J. C. Elliott, Hon. W. D. Euler, Rt. Hon. Sir George E. Foster, Hon. Philippe Roy, Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., Mr. Malcolm McLean, M.P., and Dr. W. A. Riddell. Among the more important resolutions adopted at this assembly were those concerning the following subjects: Disarmament; Draft Convention on Financial Assistance; Supervision of the Private Manufacture of Arms and Ammunition and Implements of War; Amendment of the Covenant to bring it into line with the Paris Peace Pact; Codification of International Law; the conclusion of a tariff Truce; amendment of the Statute of the Permanent Court; and the organization of the Secretariat and the International Labour Office. A separate report by the Canadian delegates giving a full account of the proceedings will be laid before Parliament. The Hon. Raoul Dandurand continued to represent this country at the sessions of the Council of the League held during the year.

The Twelfth Session of the International Labour Conference was held at Geneva from May 30 to June 21. The Canadian Government delegates were Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, Vancouver, B.C., and Dr. W. A. Riddell. Mr. Byron Baker, Mr. George Gilbert and Mr. Gerard Tremblay attended as technical advisers. Draft Conventions were adopted on the two questions: Prevention of industrial accidents, and the protection against accidents of workers engaged in loading or unloading ships. The subjects of forced labour and hours of work of salaried employees were also given preliminary consideration.

The Thirteenth Session of the conference, devoted exclusively to Maritime questions, also met during this year, at Geneva, from October 10 to October 26. The Government delegate was Dr. W. A. Riddell, with Mr. James E. Tighe, as technical adviser. At this session draft conclusions were submitted on the following subjects: Regulation of hours of work on board ship; Protection of seamen in case of sickness; Promotion of seamen's welfare in ports; Establishment of a minimum requirement of professional capacity for captains, navigating and engineer officers in charge of watches on board merchant ships.

On the invitation of the Canadian Government, a conference to discuss the allocation of short wave radio channels on the North American continent met at Ottawa from January 21 to January 25.

Canada, Cuba, Newfoundland and the United States were represented. The Canadian delegation consisted of: Mr. A. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine (Chairman); Mr. L. Beaudry, Mr. C. P. Edwards, Major W. A. Steel, Mr. W. A. Rush, Mr. J. W. Bain. An agreement was concluded at the conference which was later accepted, as previously stated, by the Governments represented.

A conference between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments was held in Ottawa from January 7,-10, to discuss the problem of commercial smuggling across the international border.

The Canadian Government was represented by the following officials:—

O. D. Skelton, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. (Chairman).

W. Stuart Edwards, Deputy Minister of Justice.

R. W. Breadner, Commissioner of Customs.

G. W. Taylor, Commissioner of Excise.

C. P. Blair, Assistant Commissioner of Customs.

E. Hawken, Assistant Deputy Minister, Marine Department.

F. W. Cowan, Chief, Customs-Excise Preventive Service.

William Ide, Acting General Executive Assistant.

C. H. L. Sharman, Narcotic Division, Department of Pensions and National Health.

H. L. Keenleyside, Third Secretary, Department of External Affairs.