

Montreal, as Legal Officer, and from 1932 to 1935 as Secretary-Treasurer. When political scandals were exposed in connection with this Corporation, Christie immediately resigned.

He continued, however, to keep in touch with his friends in Canadian political and government circles. In addition to his interest in England in the Round Table, he was greatly impressed by the potentialities of the International Joint Commission (set up by the Convention of 1909) as a durable form of diplomatic machinery. He felt that in certain respects it was even more effective than the creation of Canadian Legations.

#### Diplomatic Machinery

After his transfer to Toronto, Christie was still busy writing letters to his government friends. Among these was Dr. O.D. Skelton. On July 12, 1927, he let go a ten-page typewritten letter, marked "Private", and addressed "My dear Skelton", which was very largely devoted to the importance of the International Joint Commission as the ideal type of state machinery or diplomatic organ for negotiation, arbitration, or other adjustments. In his customary style he went on to expound in analytic form his arguments and reasons for this belief. Among his paragraphs are these:

2. As far as state machinery is concerned, our relations with the U.S. in the last resort - or rather in the next to the last resort - are wrapped up in the business of maintaining the integrity of the system created by the Treaty of 1909 and studying its improvement as time goes on. In providing a set of general principles, an independent tribunal and a growing body of practice and habit, to which an important class of specific questions arising from time to time can be relegated with a fair assurance that they will be