

At the International Labour Conference in June the Canadian Government delegates were Mr. Wrong and Mr. G. H. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labour. The Conference adopted for submission to Governments a Draft Convention on statistics of hours and wages. It also approved questionnaires to be submitted to Governments on the five other items on its agenda, including the generalization of the reduction of the hours of work, the regulation of hours of duty in road transport, and technical and vocational education. The replies of governments to these questionnaires will form the bases of the discussion of these subjects at the 1939 Conference.

Canada was represented at a number of important meetings arranged by the International Labour Organization. Mr. J. F. Booth of the Department of Agriculture attended the first session in March of the Permanent Agricultural Committee which has been established by the International Labour Organization. Mr. Wrong, in company with Mr. G. H. Brown, represented Canada at the first session of the International Public Works Committee in June. Dr. A. R. Riddell attended the meetings of the Conference on Silicosis during the summer.

During the year the following diplomatic instruments to which Canada is a party were registered with the League of Nations:

International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling, signed at London, June 8th, 1937.

Exchange of Notes between Canada and the U.S.A., constituting an Arrangement relating to the reciprocal admission to practice before patent offices (Washington, December 3rd and 28th, 1937 and January 24th, 1938).

Exchange of Notes between Canada and the U.S.A., constituting an Agreement for the exchange of information concerning the issuance of radio licences (Washington, March 2nd and 10th, August 17th, September 8th and 20th, and October 9th, 1937).

Convention between Canada and the U.S.A., for the Protection, Preservation and Extension of the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries of the Fraser River System, signed at Washington, May 26th, 1930, and Protocol relating to the exchange of ratifications, signed at Washington, July 28th, 1937.

Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament between the U.S.A., France, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India, with Protocol of Signature and Additional Protocol, signed at London, March 25th, 1936.

Convention between Canada and the U.S.A., concerning Rates of Income Tax imposed upon Non-Resident Individuals and Corporations, signed at Washington, 30th December 1936.

Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and India, and Egypt, regarding British War Memorial Cemeteries and Graves in Egypt, signed at Cairo, June 2nd, 1937, and an Exchange of Notes, Cairo, June 2nd and 5th, 1937.

Ratification by Canada of the Convention concerning seamen's articles of agreement, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its ninth session, Geneva, June 1926.

Ratification by Canada of the Convention concerning the marking of the weight on heavy packages transported by vessels, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its Twelfth Session, Geneva, 1929.

Exchange of Notes between Canada and the U.S.A., constituting an Arrangement relating to air navigation, Washington, July 28th, 1938.