

The I. L. O.—A WORLD RESPONSE TO AN IDEAL

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Mr. Stevenson, who as announced in the last issue, has undertaken to do for the International Labour Office what Miss Mary McGeachy is doing for the League of Nations itself—that is, write for each issue an account of work at Geneva during the previous quarter outlined the purpose of this his first contribution in these words: "For my first article I suggest sending a general account of the history and aims of the International Labour Office I found during a two months' trip through Canada this (last) summer up as far as the Yukon that the persons who had any idea at all of the International Labour Office were very few and far between... Fortunately I had with me some pamphlets issued by the Office on its work and these I gave away (never without being requested) to all kinds of people, from engine drivers to editors")



THE International Labour Organization (the social branch of the League of Nations, as the Secretariat is the political and the Hague Court the legal) was formed with its own separate constitution, though under the *aegis* of the League of Nations, by world labour's "Magna Carta," Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles, which proclaims that "peace can be established only on social justice."

The International Labour Organization has no political aspect, but is devoted entirely to the scientific study of industrial and social problems, and especially to the effort of securing improved labour conditions particularly in backward countries or in those trades and occupations in which workers are exposed to special dangers of accident or disease.

The Organization is composed of three parts: the annual International Labour Conference (the legislative body)¹; the Gov-

1. The Canadian delegation to the forthcoming Sixteenth Session of the International Conference, opening in Geneva on April 12th, includes the following:—

Government Delegates—Hon. G. D. Robertson, Ottawa, Ontario;

Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canadian Advisory Officer, League of Nations, Geneva

Technical Advisers to Government—Hon. C. J. Arcand, Minister of Labour of Quebec, Quebec, P.Q.

Mr. Robert H. McGowan of Cobalt;

Mr. Pierre Beaulé, Quebec, P.Q.

Mr. E. H. Cook, of Winnipeg.

Employers' Delegate—Mr. Melville P. White, Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto, Ontario.

Workers' Delegate—Mr. Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Technical Adviser to Workers' Delegate—Mr. Percy R. Bengough, Vice-Pres. Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Vancouver, B.C.