

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
(MONTREAL BRANCH)

(NOTE. This suggested programme should not be regarded as in any sense necessarily final. It will rest entirely with the group itself to make any changes that may seem desirable. It is requested, therefore, that those members who intend to take part in this group and who have suggestions of any sort which in their opinion would, if adopted, contribute to the practical effectiveness of the work to be undertaken by the group, should either make their suggestions on the occasion of the first meeting of the group or should send them in writing to the Honorary Secretary, who will arrange that they are brought forward and considered at the first meeting of the group.)

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Suggested syllabus for the study by the Political group of
"The Conduct of Canadian Foreign Affairs".

1. The nature of Canada's external relations.
2. The Canadian point of view on international questions, such as world peace.
3. Canada's relation to the League of Nations and the International Labour Office.
4. The desirability of maintaining or extending Canada's existing representation abroad.
5. Machinery for the conduct of Canada's external affairs with respect to
 - (a) Ministerial direction and responsibility
 - (b) Consideration in Parliament and by Parliamentary Committees
 - (c) The Department of External Affairs
 - (d) Representation abroad
 - (i) In the League of Nations
 - (ii) At London and in the other Dominions
 - (iii) At Washington, Paris, Tokyo and other places considered to be of sufficient importance
 - (iv) The performance of consular work
 - (v) The position of trade commissioners

Under each of these heads we should consider the method of selecting, training and appointing personnel, the relation of the Department and its officers at home and abroad to party politics, the possibilities of co-operation with Great Britain or the other Dominions, and the status and relationship of each person to the others.

6. The development of Canadian public opinion on International Affairs.