

The Legation at Tokyo was opened in 1929, and is already established on a working basis. Quarters for the Chancery were secured in the Imperial Life Insurance building. The office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner, who has been appointed Commercial Secretary of the Legation, adjoins. In addition to dealing with current administrative matters, the Legation has undertaken a survey of political and economic factors, in Japan and adjoining countries, of interest to Canada, and is endeavouring to provide information necessary for dealing with the problems of Pacific relations which are rapidly increasing in importance.

The work of the Canadian Advisory Office at Geneva as the established channel of communication between the Government of Canada and the League of Nations, has continued to grow with the development of the League's activities and the responsibilities involved in the place in the League's organizations which has been attained by the Dominion. As a temporary member of the Council and as a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, Canada is called upon to participate in all the important conferences and administrative activities of the League. In addition to assisting at meetings of the Council and of the Assembly, the Canadian Advisory Officer has represented Canada in the meetings of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, the Conference on Revision of the Red Cross Convention, commissions for the preparation of the Convention on Private Manufacture and Supervision of Manufacture of Arms, and the Conference for the Suppression of Counterfeiting. The Advisory Officer represented the Minister of Labour at the sessions of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office and acted as a delegate at the sessions of the International Labour Conference. Reports on the various questions before the League have been forwarded and an increasing measure of information as to League activities furnished Canadian correspondents and the growing number of Canadians who visit Geneva. More adequate quarters for the Office have been established at 41 quai Wilson.

TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS

A Convention and Protocol between Canada and the United States regarding Niagara Falls and the Niagara River, was signed at Ottawa on January 2, 1929, for Canada, by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for External Affairs; for the United States, by the United States Minister to Canada. This Convention is designed to preserve and improve the scenic beauty of the Niagara Falls and rapids, to which end it has adopted the recommendations of the Special International Niagara Board, established by the two Governments in 1926 to study and report on this question. A resolution approving of the above Convention and Protocol has been passed by both Houses of Parliament.

A Convention between Canada and the United States for the protection, preservation and extension of the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries in the Fraser River System, was signed at Washington on March 27, 1929, for Canada by the Canadian Minister to the United States; for the United States, by the Secretary of State.

An arrangement was effected during the year by an exchange of notes between Canada, Cuba, Newfoundland and the United States relative to the assignment of high frequencies to Radio Stations on the North American continent. By this arrangement—which was to be effective from March 1, 1929—of the 293 general communication channels on the North American continent, 146 were allotted to the United States, 103 were given to Canada and Newfoundland, 20 to Cuba, and 24 to other continental States.

An agreement between Canada and the United States concerning the exchange of communications between private experimental radio stations was concluded by an exchange of notes on December 29, 1928, and January 10, 1929. This agreement is effective from January 1, 1929.