

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY IN CANADA.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

O T T A W A,

January 8th 1925.

Subsequent to the last meeting of the Executive Committee on November 20th I have to report as follows on the work of the central office:-

I communicated with Mr. Duclos, Secretary of the Ottawa Branch asking that he would let me know if there were any churches or other organizations in Ottawa who would care to have addresses on the work of the League. Owing, however, to the Christmas and New Year activities nothing could be done in this direction until 1925. The same remark applies to the Collegiate Institutes.

The amount of money collected in Montreal by Lady Drummond, Sir Arthur Currie and others amounted to \$932.60 of which \$500.00 are subscriptions for three years. Personal letters were sent by Sir Robert Borden to the principal subscribers to this fund.

Early in December Mrs. Thorburn provided a list of the Ladies Aid Societies in Ottawa to whom letters asking that they become Corporate Members were sent. To date two Societies have responded to this invitation and others have intimated that they will become Corporate Members.

The awards in the Gleaves Doyle Memorial Competition have been forwarded to this office by the judges Mrs. MacBeth, Mr. Lawrence Burpee and Mr. Arthur Beausnesne. Copies of the successful essays have been forwarded to Mr. J.M. Godfrey at his request but without the names of the winning essayists. There was only one essay written in French which Mr. Beausnesne did not consider of sufficient excellence to merit a prize. As, however, the regulations provide a prize for French essays the question remains as to whether one must be allotted.

I have given addresses on Geneva and the Protocol to the Local Council of Women, The St. George's Ladies Society, The Toronto Branch, Erskine Church Mens' Club and the Bonne Entente League of Ottawa. The Toronto Branch was badly attended owing to very adverse weather but the rest of the meetings were well attended and the Protocol in particular proved to be of great interest to the audiences. I hope that the St. George's Society and the Erskine Church Club will take up Corporate Membership.

I made a second visit to Toronto for the purpose of meeting Mr. Wheeler Bennett Jr., whom I met in Geneva and who was stopping with Sir Joseph Flavelle. At Sir Joseph's invitation I dined with him at his house and found him keenly interested in