

the Bulgarian Government under which the property of Bulgarian nationals in Canada sequestrated by the Custodian of Enemy Property is to be restored to them, and also in the arrangements connected with the transfer to the Royal Canadian Navy of the *Champlain* and *Vancouver* as well as the building of two new destroyers for the Canadian navy.

The duties of the Canadian Advisory Officer at Geneva were naturally enlarged by the fact of Canada's membership in the Council of the League of Nations. Four sessions of the Council were held at Geneva and a fifth at Lugano, all of which were attended by him. As substitute member of the governing body of the International Labour Office he also attended the quarterly meetings of that body, which were held at Geneva with the exception of the October session, held at Warsaw.

In addition to furnishing the customary aid to our delegates to the Ninth Assembly of the League, the Office was occupied with three other Conferences during the year, namely, the International Labour Conference, the Conference on Double Taxation, and that on Economic Statistics. An additional burden was imposed by attendance at the sessions of the various Disarmament Commissions and at the biennial Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

The business of the Passport Office continues to be maintained in undiminished volume. For the year ending the 31st October, 1928, there were issued 27,112 new passports, 3,905 renewals being granted. The income derived from the fees on these and on the granting of visas amounted to \$144,088.93.

It gives me pleasure to express my satisfaction with the manner in which the various members of the staff have discharged their duties.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

O. D. SKELTON,

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs.

OTTAWA, January 15, 1929.