

Immigration. The introduction of the visa system, which has entailed additional clerical work in the Legation, promises to eliminate much of the friction inseparable from restrictive legislation.

The growing interest of Canadians in the possibilities of trade expansion in the Orient has enabled the Legation to increase its usefulness as a source of accurate and detailed information relative to the social and economic situation which conditions further the development of Canadian business in the Far East. Inquiries from Canadian individuals and organizations have received the careful attention of the Minister and steps have been taken to introduce a wider appreciation of Canadian business opportunities in trading and commercial circles in Japan. In particular, the Legation has been studying the prospects of increasing the demand for Canadian wheat and flour in Japan and China, and negotiations have recently been commenced with the Chinese Government with a view to assuring a favourable market for wheat in that country. An outstanding feature of the year was the highly successful visit to Japan of the delegation of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for which practically all the arrangements were made by the Legation.

During the past year diplomatic correspondence has arisen between the Governments of Canada and Japan and reports have been addressed to the Government of Canada on the regulations governing, and the returns received from the seal fisheries in which Canada has a monetary interest; the reciprocal exemption of Canadian and Japanese shipping profits from the payment of income tax; the extradition of violators of the Canadian Narcotic Drugs Act; and the rights of certain classes of Canadian and Japanese to land temporarily in the ports of the other country without being in possession of passport visas.

The Legation has become the centre of a growing Canadian community in Japan and has co-operated with the educational, missionary, and trading interests in the fostering of friendly understanding between the Canadians and Japanese to the general advantage of Canadian interests in the Orient.

Geneva.

As noted in the last annual report of the department, 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 responsibilities involved in the place in the League's organization which has been attained by the Dominion. During the year 1930 Canada's tenure of a non-permanent seat on the Council of the League came to an end; at the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Sessions of the Council, Canada was represented by Senator Dandurand, and at the Sixtieth Session in September, by the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden. At the meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, of which Canada is a permanent member, Dr. Riddell, the Canadian Advisory Officer, represented the Minister of Labour. In addition to attending, as adviser, the meetings of the Council, and, as alternate delegate, the Eleventh Session of the Assembly, he has represented Canada on the Sub-committee of Agricultural Experts examining the international aspects of the agricultural depression, the Committee on Security and Arbitration, and the Preparatory Commission for the General Disarmament Conference which met in Geneva from November 6 to December 9. Dr.