

ination and criticism of the proposals from time to time submitted for the creation of a Permanent Court. As a result of five weeks' unremitting labour at the Hague, the Commission reached complete accord on the plan to be recommended to the Council for the constitution of this Court.

The plan, as prepared by the Commission of jurists, was submitted to the Council and approved, subject to two important modifications: the first, relating to jurisdiction, to which I shall refer later, and the second, relating to language. The report of the jurists provided that, proceedings should be conducted in the French language. As both French and English are official languages of the League, it was considered but right that English should also be an official language of the Court, and the report was amended so as to place English on a parity with French in the proceedings of the Court.

The report as thus modified was submitted to the Assembly and referred to a commission composed of forty-one members, representing all the States, members of the League. This commission in turn referred the detailed consideration of the draft plan to a sub-committee of ten members, five of the ten having been members of the original Commission that framed the scheme, and five being chosen from other representatives of the League. I am glad to say that Canada was represented on this sub-committee in the person of Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice. The sub-committee thoroughly examined the proposals and made its recommendations to the main Commission. This Commission in turn further examined the proposals and made its recommendations to the Assembly. The Assembly unanimously approved the report and proposed plan. In the report so presented certain modifications were made in the scheme as recommended by the Council, the most important being (1) in reference to the nomination of judges and (2) in reference to the jurisdiction of the Court.

While the jurists at the Hague were obviously determined to secure a workable basis for the constitution of the new International Court, they were apparently equally determined to keep politicians out of the Court. Instead of providing that the nomi-