

NOTE

The volume, the latest in the annual series of Canada and the United Kingdom, covers a period from the beginning of 1936 up to March 1937. It is an account of the work of the United Nations and of Canadian policy under the previous government. The volume was prepared and sent to press in May 1937, before the change of government. It has seemed to me appropriate that this record, which is of interest to many persons in Canada and abroad, should be published in the usual way, although by the time the volume was ready for distribution a new government had taken over and this volume therefore may reflect some interpretations which are not necessarily shared by the present government.

I am anxious that this record should be available to Canadians because my Government believe firmly in the importance which Canada must attach to the United Nations. Whatever differences there may be on the details that have been taken during the period under review in the United Nations, there can be no difference on the fundamental importance of supporting and strengthening the United Nations as the basic institution of international co-operation. The United Nations has performed an important function in recent years. It has done less than we had hoped, but it is not an argument for abandoning the United Nations but strong reason for working in association with other nations, west and east, in making the United Nations more effective in its role of helping to keep the peace.



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