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EDITORIAL

INTERDEPENDENCE with this issue makes its appearance in a few forms. A quarterly publication has displaced the Monthly, the size of the pages has been reduced and their number tripled. It is the hope of those directing it that the new form will be more convenient and that as time passes other improvements because of the new arrangements can be introduced.

An invitation is extended to all readers to send their comments on the new issue to the editor. These in the past, particularly since the present change was announced, have been very helpful. They have been encouraging too. Some of the suggestions made it has been impossible as yet to carry into effect but they are being kept in mind.

There is a considerable body of opinion that would aim at making Interdependence more than it has been in the past: a Canadian journal of foreign affairs. Those holding these views would invite authorities on the various aspects of Canada's external relations to contribute papers on definite subjects to its pages, particularly the students of these problems on the staffs of Canadian Universities. There would of course be no slackening of emphasis upon the activities of the League but the extension of what has already been attempted. It would be a journal for the expression of Canadian and other authoritative opinion on and the discussion of such problems as defence, production for world markets, inter-imperial relations, and relations with the United States, population, the ex-

tent and possibilities of Canadian influence, representation abroad, the International Joint Commission, etc., etc. This would seem to be the obvious development. Interdependence offers such a medium of expression as there is here in mind and invites sympathetic co-operation.

WE take pleasure in announcing that the Prime Minister Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, has accepted the invitation of the League of Nations Society to deliver a radio address over the Trans-Canada hook-up of the Canadian National Railways and affiliated stations on Sunday afternoon, March 1. He will speak from Ottawa for fifteen minutes beginning at 4.45 o'clock Eastern Standard Time. His address will immediately precede the All Canada Symphony Hour Feature of the Canadian National Railways. It will be recalled that Mr. Bennett spoke on a similar occasion from London, England, when he was a guest of honour at a dinner of the League of Nations Union.

P. B. Butler, Assistant Director-General of the International Labour Office, told an audience in Ottawa last October that among countries purchasing publications of his organization the United States now took second place and was likely to go into first place while Canada ranked eighteenth which meant that Canada did not purchase as much as Mexico or Roumania. Information on industrial and other conditions in all parts of the world is brought together and published by the International Labour Office. Its principal publications are the International Labour Review, a monthly, and Industrial and Labour Information, a weekly. Appreciation of this work in the United States, Mr. Butler said, had grown in quite an amazing way. Those who are unfamiliar with these publications can be assured of finding a mint of valuable information in them.

THE international conference to consider the reform of the calendar will be convened by the Council of the League of Nations during the second fortnight of October this year. It will be preceded by a meeting of a preparatory committee composed of calendar experts from different countries, to be held in May or June.