

the League and has had prepared text books and pamphlets that are now used regularly in the schools of several provinces. It encourages the formation of discussion groups catering to that lively interest in international politics that is slowly but surely extending. It heads up in Canada the crusade (which needs to be intensified with each passing year) that earnest men and women the world over are conducting against the possibility of war and its colossal burden. In the face of these tasks and responsibilities a zealous staff and executive can only credit the dwindling of support of lack of knowledge of the Society's purpose. Immediate action is necessary and a determined effort has been resolved upon to make its purpose known. It is said that Canadians can afford to neglect such a movement as this, that they are a peace loving people. Nevertheless they too pay their share of the burden, said to amount to three quarters of the world's taxation, for war past and wars that it is feared may come in the future. But all the arguments available, if marshalled would seem to be overwhelming. On the ground alone of the support the Society can give to the day to day details of international living that are handled through Geneva it should exist and should prosper.

A statement from Sir Robert Borden's radio address can very appropriately be quoted here: "In many of our communities there are groups of earnest people who associate themselves in the task that has been undertaken by the League of Nations Society in Canada. The endeavour of that organization is to awaken in the Canadian people a fuller knowledge of and a deeper interest in the purpose of the Covenant and the work of the League. Representatives of each government of the member states assemble yearly at Geneva. Unless the delegates of each state represent not only its government but its people as well, their influence is less than it should be. Behind each delegation there must be a powerful public opinion; and in the consciousness of that strong support each delegate can with renewed confidence participate in the League's task. The Society on whose behalf I speak, and in the founding of which I had some part, should have in Canada a membership numbered by the hundred thousand. Those who have struggled to maintain its existence and to carry on its work appeal to you and to all the great unofficial agencies of governance in Canada for this support. From Atlantic to Pacific, in the churches, in the colleges, in the

schools, in the great group of societies of national purpose and endeavour, I pray that this appeal may find an earnest and encouraging response. **THE SOCIETY CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT YOUR AID. ITS DISSOLUTION WOULD BE A NATIONAL LOSS.**"

As in so many institutions—the universities are the outstanding example—those who most immediately benefit do not in many cases pay the entire cost of the service rendered to them. Great amounts of literature are distributed without charge. There is the cost of a staff and overhead for the answering of enquiries. Membership in the Society can be secured for as little as \$1.00. That the information may be as widely distributed as possible, literature and the publications of the Society are sent to these dollar members which their dollar cannot pay for. This policy would appear to be justified on the ground stated. The expense must be met by those who pay more for their membership and contribute in various other suggested ways. A special appeal is being made to men and women throughout the country who can afford to make contributions of this sort and believe that this work is worth carrying on. It probably is the few who can who must bear the greater share of the cost.

For salaries, postage, printing, rent, sundry expenses and supplies the Society spent during the last month for which the figures are available the sum of \$1,091.70. It is estimated that the Society requires \$25,000 annually to be properly maintained.

It is a time of financial depression but the sum needed when distributed throughout the country should not require much sacrifice. The Society's expenses are being kept at the lowest level that a rigid economy can establish. Solicitous friends are giving their assistance without remuneration. It may be of interest to state that the editing of this paper has from the beginning been on a voluntary and honorary basis.

This appeal is addressed to all who read it. Especially is it addressed to the officers of branches upon whose shoulders the responsibility more particularly rests. The response of all interested whether a financial contribution is offered or not will be welcomed by the General Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. P. Meredith, 381 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa, and the executive.—R.B.I.