

The French Government has appointed M. Georges Jean Knight as its first Minister in Canada.

Canadian Legation in Tokio.—In 1928 an exchange of Ministers was agreed upon between the Governments of Canada and Japan, and Hon. H. M. Marler has been recommended to His Majesty the King for appointment as the first Canadian Minister in Japan.

Mr. Shuh Tomii, previously Consul-General of Japan at Ottawa, has been appointed *Chargé d'Affaires* of the Japanese Legation in Canada pending completion of the exchange of Ministers.

Canadian Advisory Officer, League of Nations.—The precedent of appointing permanent representatives at Geneva accredited to the League of Nations was set, it is understood, by Japan, and has found favor especially among those nations which are situated at a distance from Geneva. It was found that, while countries adjacent to the seat of the League were able without difficulty to include in the personnel of their delegations to the Assembly and Council various advisers and assistants at a minimum of expense, distant countries were at a disadvantage in this respect. Canada's duties as a member of the Assembly and of the International Labor Conference, and as one of the eight countries represented on the Governing Body of the International Labor Office, made this disadvantage especially felt. Accordingly the position of Dominion of Canada Advisory Officer, League of Nations, was created by Order-in-Council P.C. 2174 of Dec. 17, 1924, and Dr. W. A. Riddell was appointed to the post on Jan. 1, 1925.

The duties of the Canadian Advisory Officer are "to establish and maintain as close relations as possible with the Secretariats of the League of Nations and the International Labor Office", to "communicate with the Government of Canada as to all matters arising and requiring its attention", and to "act in all such matters in an advisory capacity to the Government of Canada and to delegates from the Government of Canada to conferences arising out of the organisations before named".

The office of the Canadian Advisory Officer is situated at 41, Quai Wilson, Geneva.

Agents-General.—The older provinces of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia still adhere to the practice of former days and are represented in London by Agents-General. These officials are appointed by the Legislatures of the provinces under general authority given in the British North America Act and act for their Governments in capacities very similar to that of the High Commissioner, with the exception, perhaps, that their duties have tended to become of a business rather than a diplomatic nature.