

The Secretariat.—The Permanent Secretariat is the Civil Service of the League. The staff is appointed by the Secretary General with the approval of the Council. The officials of the Secretariat of the League are exclusively international officials, having international and not national duties. The First Secretary General, Sir Eric Drummond, who was named in the Annex to the Covenant, resigned in 1933 and was succeeded by M. Joseph Avenol.

The International Labour Organization.—(See Chapter XIX.)

The Permanent Court of International Justice.—The Permanent Court of International Justice was established by the Protocol of Dec. 16, 1920, in accordance with Article 14 of the Covenant of the League of Nations. It is composed of a body of fifteen judges elected by the Assembly and Council of the League of Nations for a term of nine years, and sits at The Hague. The Court is competent to hear and determine any dispute of an international character that the parties thereto submit to it; it may also give an advisory opinion upon any dispute or question referred to it by the Council or the Assembly. Canada has been a member of the Court from its establishment.

Membership of the League of Nations.—The States that are members of the League (January, 1940) are as follows:—

Afghanistan	Estonia	Norway
Union of South Africa	Ethiopia	Panama
Albania ¹	Finland	Peru ¹
Argentine Republic	France	Poland
Australia	Greece	Portugal
Belgium	Haiti	Roumania
Bolivia	Hungary ¹	Siam
Bulgaria	India	Spain ¹
Canada	Iran	Sweden
Chile ¹	Iraq	Switzerland
China	Ireland (Eire)	Turkey
Colombia	Latvia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Cuba	Liberia	Uruguay
Czechoslovakia	Lithuania	Venezuela ¹
Denmark	Luxemburg	Yugoslavia
Dominican Republic	Mexico	
Ecuador	Netherlands	
Egypt	New Zealand	

¹ Chile, on June 2, 1938, gave notice of her intention to withdraw from the League. Venezuela gave such notice on July 11, 1938; Peru on Apr. 8, 1939; Hungary on Apr. 11, 1939; Albania on Apr. 13, 1939; and Spain on May 8, 1939. The notices cannot take effect until two years after they are given.