



A Better Idea...

While a number of ideas have been brought forth to reform our modern calendar, the frontrunner seems to be the this option:

The International Fixed Calendar

In brief, the plan is to have thirteen standard months, with each month as follows:

Standard Month						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

The new month will be inserted between June and July, as at that time of the year the change will cause the least confusion in respect to the seasons. The 365th day will be December 29th but will have no week-day name. December 29th, to be known as "Year Day," will be inserted between Saturday, December 28th, and Sunday, January 1st. In like manner, in Leap Year the extra day will be placed between June 28th the first day of the new month.

All the defects of our existing calendar can be overcome by this plan. The proposed calendar will have the following advantages over the present calendar.

1. All months would have the same number of days (28), the same number of working days, except holidays, and the same number of Sundays.
2. All months would have exactly four weeks.
3. Each week-day would always occur on the same four fixed dates of the month.
4. Quarter-years and half-years would be of the same length.
5. The month would always end on Saturdays.
6. A holiday would always occur on the same week-day.
7. The date of Easter—and other "moving" holidays—could be fixed.
8. Yearly calendars would no longer be necessary, one fixed monthly calendar would be sufficient.

These features would be of great benefit to business—accounting and statistical—because all months would be comparable without any adjustments. The month of exactly four weeks would prevent many of the adjustments now necessary between four- and five-week months. In short, the way we measure the passage of time would be simplified. Meeting dates could be set in advance without difficulty. All holidays could be placed on Monday with advantage to industry and workers. Simplifying the calendar just makes it better.