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**PENSION TO  
LIEUT.-COL. STEEL  
IS PROTESTED**

OTTAWA, Nov. 14—Retirement of a 46-year-old Civil servant with a pension of \$3,520 a year for life has caused considerable murmuring not only in the Federal Capital, but throughout the Dominion. The gentleman in question is Lieut. Col. William Arthur Steel, M.C., who was a court favorite during the Bennett regime. He has just been retired with the demise of the Canadian Radio Commission.

When the Bennett government came into power in 1930, Lieut.-Col. Steel was drawing a salary of \$4,700 a year in the Signals Branch of the Department of National Defense. He was chosen as one of the technical officers accompanying the Canadian delegation to the Imperial Conference in 1930. William Duncan Herridge, later Canadian Minister at Washington, travelled Englandwards in the same boat, having been a chief lieutenant in Mr. Bennett's election campaign. He had fallen in love with the leader's sister and the romance has come to fruition as young Mr. Herridge and Miss Mildred Bennett travelled about the country with the future Prime Minister.

They were not yet married but the romance naturally was the subject of much speculation at the time. Mr. Herridge became the confidant of the Prime Minister, was constantly at his side. On the boat going to England, the Herridge romance was the subject of gossip over the teacups. Under the stimulation of the cup that cheers but does not inebriate, a story was told about 'a rough ride' Mr. Herridge had been given a short time before by the Privy Council in England before which he appeared as counsel for a private corporation. A little bird told Mr. Herridge about the teacup tattle and the party committing the indiscretion of gossiping about the Prime Minister's future brother-in-law was duly punished.

Mr. Herridge became the fairy god-mother of the gallant young Lieut.-Colonel who now retires at the age of 46 with an annual pension of \$3,520. Some time after they returned from the Imperial Conference—it was the celebrated party at which Right Hon. Jimmy Thomas told Mr. Bennett his proposals were "humbug"—the Canadian Radio Commission was formed, and Lieut.-Col. Steel was appointed one of the Commissioners at a salary of \$8,000 a year, which is big money in Ottawa.

He was lauded by the Prime Minister as a wireless wizard. His technical training is generally admitted. But as a civil servant he turned out to be a rather autocratic young man and the Radio Commission was embarrassed more than once by his alleged discourtesy to the public. On one occasion, the representative of an American Broadcasting Station came to Ottawa to suggest a remedy for trouble in the Windsor-Detroit area where Canadian and United States broadcasters were clashing and spoiling reception for thousands of radio listeners in Michigan and Western Ontario. Lieut.-Col. Steel bluntly told him the Americans deserved no consideration from Canada in view of their discounting of the Canadian dollar, which was then worth about 90 cents in New York. Prime Minister Bennett was appealed to and the young Lieut.-Colonel was promptly reprimanded and reminded that the allotment of radio channels as between Canada and the United States was a matter of treaty obligations. Under Mr. Bennett's instructions the trouble was speedily rectified.

Parliament is certain to make a row about the pensioning of Colonel Steel, who is physically fit, in the prime of life at 46, and will draw over \$100,000 in superannuation if he lives to be 75. Colonel Steel of course, has done nothing wrong, is fully entitled under Chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes to the Pension of \$3,520 a year, which is based upon the \$8,000 salary he received for four years as a member of the defunct Radio Commission and not on the \$4,700 a year he got as a Lieut.-Colonel in the Department of National Defense before he was seconded to the Radio Commission.

Imagine Jean Francois Pouliot already sharpening his battleaxe and demanding an amendment of the law which provides Lieut.-Col. Steel with such a generous pension. Already the irrepressible member from Temiscouata has been on the warpath, denouncing as scandalous the payment of such moneys from the public purse while thousands of Canadian citizens are flat on their backs and the taxpayers are groaning under the levies they must bear.

The pension Colonel Steel gets is equivalent to that of a full Colonel with more than 35 years active service. It represents the interest on \$100,000 worth of gilt-edged Dominion Government bonds at 3½ per cent. Parliament surely will amend the law which permits such an outrage.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

An Address Given on Remembrance Day, 1936, in the Agricultural Hall, Fredericton Junction, N. B.

(By Henry Harvey Stuart)

majority can always register their opinions at the polls, there is no excuse for the application of physical force in the direction of Dictatorship of any kind, whether of the proletariat or of any special class whose members or leaders may consider themselves the only ones fit to rule, so long as the expression of the will of the people at the polls is not obtained by force or fraud and so long as the popular will so expressed at the polls is faithfully carried out by the government of the day without fear or favor and with due regard for the rights of the defeated minority. The minority always have rights, which, while not allowed to block progress, should still be recognized to the fullest extent consistent with the rights of the majority. Where the natural rights of minorities are ignored and also where minorities themselves contrive by trickery to defeat the will of the majority and keep them out of their own, as has very often happened, rebellion may be expected and revolution is always just around the corner. If Democracy is to continue, its proponents must always be on guard to see that the constitution is respected and its provisions enforced.

A great curse of Humanity—due, no doubt, in whole or largely, to ignorance—is its intolerance. Every race has considered itself superior; every nation has thought itself better than the other nations of its race; and many individuals have imbibed the same idea of their class and personal standing. Ambitious leaders take advantage of this feeling of superiority to lead wars of pillage or conquest and have hitherto succeeded very well in keeping the world in continual turmoil. We must overcome this false sense of our supreme importance in relation to others. If we look down upon other people, the next step is to look down upon classes at home and soon we establish a virtual caste system against the poor, or ignorant, or otherwise unfortunate of our own land.

The religions that profess to believe in the Brotherhood of Man—and Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism and Buddhism, among others, do so—must hurry to put that belief more completely into practice if they are to survive. At this moment, the 60,000,000 'Untouchables' of India, degraded for centuries by the Hindu majority of their own land, are looking for a new faith, and it is said that the choice has now been narrowed to that between the Christians, Mohammedans and Sikhs. If the Christians should by any chance fail to win it will be because of the domineering attitude adopted in the past by so many so-called Christians towards the people of other Colors and Cultures.

If we Christians and Constitutional Democrats mean business, we must speedily get rid of our intolerant and overbearing attitude towards others, and take effective steps to end ignorance, poverty, injustice between man and man and war between nation and nation.

How can war be prevented? By rallying honestly around the League of Nations, which, although it has been betrayed at different times by nearly all its members, still possesses the necessary machinery for preventing war, preserving peace, and arranging peaceably for the necessary international trade; protection of racial, religious or political minorities; migration of overflowing peoples, and anything else that may from time to time be needed to further the general welfare.

How can internal affairs be improved as fast as the majority wish? By our seeing that our laws as we have them are honestly enforced and loyally obeyed until they are, when necessary, constitutionally changed.

I thank you!

**WHEAT EXPORT TO U. KINGDOM**

The export of wheat to the United Kingdom during October was higher in value but lower in quantity as compared with October, 1935. The amount was 21,037,067 bushels worth \$22,603,730 compared with 23,365,472 at \$20,662,197 in the same month last year. Total export of wheat amounted to 26,917,096 bushels at \$28,949,549 against 28,919,421 worth \$25,473,602.

**WHEAT FLOUR TO U. KINGDOM**

Wheat flour exports to the United Kingdom were lower in October than in the same month last year, amounting to 231,857 barrels worth \$1,062,817 as against 275,112 at \$1,115,762. The total export during the month was 464,013 barrels at \$2,108,920 as compared with 501,442 at \$2,009,200.

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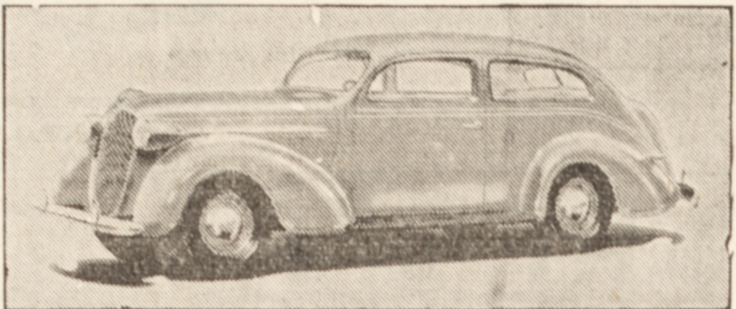
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