

BRITISH SENTIMENT IS DISCUSSED BY "OBSERVER"

Discusses Flag Flapping and Drum Beating and Ballyhoo as Against Solid Sentiment

It is recorded that the associate editor of a London newspaper complained on his return to England that the average Canadian showed very little British sentiment. This statement was commented on editorially in the Daily Mail, and in the main I think the comment was just. There might be a little more to say concerning just how British sentiment should be defined.

One type of sentiment, of course, is the flag-flying, drum-beating kind. It is true that Canada has very little of that kind, for which the gods be praised. We can see enough of that kind of "patriotism" in the United States. If loud shouting and ballyhoo is a sign of proper patriotic sentiment, let us be without it. Stephen Decatur symbolized it all in his famous declaration, "My Country—in her dealing with foreign nations may she always be right; but my country, right or wrong." A contemporary American magazine actually takes that statement as its motto. It is somewhat remarkable that a Britisher should expect to find that kind of sentiment, since the English are not given that way themselves.

But perhaps we are doing the gentleman an injustice. Perhaps he did not mean that at all. There is another kind of British sentiment that does exist in Canada, but we might as well admit here and now that it is not as pronounced as in Australia, South Africa or New Zealand. In the latter dominions the observer would probably find enough British sentiment to satisfy him. I think what he probably expected to find was a similar condition in Canada. In the other dominions the people have a completely different psychological outlook. To them England is always the Motherland, and they are her children. When a resident contemplates a trip to England he

speaks of "going home." England is home to him, even if he has never been there. Because he is in most cases descended from pure English stock. He can go to England and find the exact place from which his ancestors came. How many Canadians can do that? Or, what is more important, would see any particular virtue in being able to do so?

Then again, daily habits and customs are much more reminiscent of England than are ours. Their currency is still the pounds, shillings and pence, and they have the point of view of the colonial. An Australian or a New Zealander never loses sight of the fact that he is living in an English colony. I do not mean by that, that he has any feeling of inferiority as a consequence. I mean that he is still the pioneer of empire, the upholder of the British tradition and manner of life. And he still has a good deal of the "white man's burden" complex. And with good reason.

Now the reason for these differences in sentiment between Canada and the other dominions is not far to seek. In the first place Australia, South Africa and New Zealand are not placed next geographically to another nation, much more industrialized and with a greater population than themselves, as is the case with Canada and the United States. And in our own case the neighboring population is not racially of as pure British stock as our own.

The result of our proximity to the United States has been to permit a certain amount of Americanization of our country. This type of Americanization may not carry with it any definite political idea. It does not mean to the average Canadian, annexation. That bogey has been raised several times in the past, but it hasn't had any real foundation. But we have adopted gradually American ways of living; we read American books and magazines to the neglect of our own; we drive our native writers and artists to the United States to get a living because they can't find a market in their own country, and then we rave about the lack of a Canadian literature. We are in danger of selling our birthright for a mess of pottage, even if we never become a part of the United States politically.

There are other reasons for the greater strength of British sentiment in the other dominions; the native problem for example, which tends to hold the British tradition in greater prominence, but space does not permit me to discuss that here. Americanization is the chief reason. That is why Canadians do not speak of going "home" when they make a trip to England, and why they do not look forward to such a trip as an Arab would to Mecca. That is why they do not keep in touch with British opinion by reading British periodicals, their own country being swamped with American publications, and having practically none of their own. Did you ever try to submit a contribution to a Canadian publisher? If you did, and got any reply at all from them without having to send out two or three tracer letters, you were lucky. And the remuneration, if it does come, cannot begin to compare with the rates paid by American publishers. That's what attracts writers to the neighboring republic, or at least to send their wares there.

But in spite of all this there is a British sentiment in Canada. It isn't easily noted nor analysed, but it is there. Look at the terms in which Canadian editors greeted the recent proposal by an American congressman that Canada might become a part of the United States. They, one and all, would have none of the idea. That attitude might not have been directly inspired by any conscious thought of attachment to Britain, but rather by a disinclination for many features of American life, and an attachment to Canadian ideals. But those ideals, such as we still preserve, come to us from Britain. And that is the best proof I know of that there is a British sentiment in Canada today.

OBSERVER.

J. W. Ryan, of Saint John is a guest of the Queen Hotel today.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN FIELD DAY

Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton

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Continuous Programme 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., including addresses by prominent livestock men of Canada, Judging Competitions, Judging Demonstrations, etc.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Charles Cremin announces the engagement of her daughter, Marjorie Nora, to Joseph Rosaire Pelletier of Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Quebec. Marriage to take place early in September.

Mr. and Mrs. SexSmith of Napanee, Ontario, are guests of Mrs. SexSmith's sister, Mrs. D. J. MacLeod, Experimental Station.

Miss Louise Dixon of Sackville, is a guest of Miss Ellen Gregg, Grey street.

The Misses Ellen and Nan Gregg, entertained a few friends and visitors yesterday afternoon at a tea, at their home on Grey street.

Mrs. H. H. Gunter entertained at luncheon today at D-Coy Inn in honor of Mrs. Edward Maeny of Ithaca, N. Y., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Thomas. Covers were laid for sixteen and roses and sweet peas were used as floral decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand J. Bourque of Swampscott, Mass., and Kingston, N. H., were in the city today, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Neville. They were accompanied by their niece Miss Lucille Bourque of Lynn, who will be the guest of Miss Mary Neville for the next two weeks.

Among recent visitors to the Capital were Miss Broad and Miss Lunn, headmistresses of Girls' Schools in London. They were taken around the points of interest and entertained at D-Coy Inn by friends of the University.

Miss Mary Grannan has returned from Grand Lake where she was the guest of Miss Irma Burt.

Harold Hughes is spending a few days at Savoy Beach.

Miss Helen Hughes and Miss Clair Broderick are sailing from Saint John on Monday on a trip to Boston and New York.

Jack McK. Limerick, chemist with the Restigouche Company mills at Athol, is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Limerick.

Mrs. Arthur McF. Limerick gave an enjoyable three-table Bridge last evening for some of the out-of-town visitors who are in the city. The prizes were won by Mrs. E. A. MacKay, Miss Clair Broderick of Saint John, and Mrs. Emerson Skene.

80 TEACHERS AT SCHOOL
This year's annual U.N.B. summer school this year, which comes to a conclusion on Saturday, was featured by the attendance of about eighty teachers who were taking the course, it was stated today by Dr. C. C. Jones, president of the University. There was a large attendance this year. Examinations will commence tomorrow.

DANGER OF POLLUTION
Owing to possible danger of pollution due to lowness of the water, the Board of Health strongly advises that bathing and swimming in the river below the site of the old railway bridge be discontinued.

LEGION CARNIVAL
The Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. annual carnival commences tomorrow evening at the Legion Square. Tickets will be ten cents. There will be a gate prize of \$50. Band in attendance.

GOV'T MEETING
The Provincial cabinet held a brief meeting last evening but no announcements were forthcoming at its conclusion. The cabinet is meeting again today.

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E. M. FARRELL, Secretary
Fredericton Sub-District Board
Aug. 12, 1936 of Health.

Their Excellencies Entertained

at Government House, Winnipeg
In honor of the Governor General of Canada and the Lady Tweedsmuir, who are on a tour of the West and were in Winnipeg during the week-end, a large dinner was given by the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba and Mrs. Tupper, at Government House, Winnipeg, on Saturday night. The decorations were carried out with cornflowers, gladioli and other summer blossoms, with Sheffield candelabra holding lighted candles.

The invited guests were the Hon. John Bracken, Premier of Manitoba, and Mrs. Bracken; the Chief Justice of Manitoba and Mrs. Prendergast; His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and Mrs. Harding; His Grace Archbishop Sennott, His Worship Mayor Queen, Lieut.-Col. Price Montague, Lady Macdonald, Dr. J. W. Dafeo and Mrs. Dafeo; Lady Nanton, Miss B. Spencer-Smith, Lady in Waiting to Her Excellency; Mrs. Killick, Col. T. Dann and Mrs. Dann, Miss Flora Queen, Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, O.B.E.; Hon. W. J. Major and Mrs. Major; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. MacTavish, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Belcher, Rev. W. Gordon Maclean and Mrs. Maclean; Mrs. R. G. Willis, Miss Katie Tupper, Miss Edith Tupper, Hon. John Buchan, Hon. Alistair Buchan, Lieut. Rivers-Smith, R.N.A.D.C.; Mrs. A. S. Redfern, Brigadier Lindsay Gordon, Mr. Eric Willis Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie.

The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Tupper also had a tea on Saturday afternoon for Their Excellencies, when Miss Kate Tupper was in charge of the tea table.

Mrs. James Roosevelt, the mother of the President of the United States was at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea recently, when she attended the garden party given by Mr. Norman F. and Senator Cairine Wilson, of Ottawa.

Hon. L. P. D. and Mrs. Tilley of Saint John were in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea on Saturday for the garden party given by Mr. Norman F. and the Hon. Cairine Wilson of Ottawa.

MASS. POLICE CHIEF IN CITY
Thomas Barney, assistant Chief of Police, of Rowley, Mass., was in the city today. Mr. Barney is enjoying a two weeks' motoring trip through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

POULTRYMAN ON MOTOR TRIP
H. L. Prescott, expert poultryman, Kingston, N. H., was a visitor in the city today. Mr. Prescott expects to spend the next two weeks in the province and in Nova Scotia.

McCordick—Blair
The marriage of Nellie Isabelle Blair daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blair, North Devon to Rev. Ernest Roy McCordick, McAdam, son of Charles W. McCordick and the late Mrs. McCordick, Fredericton, took place last evening at six o'clock in St. Mary's Parish Church, Devon. Rev. C. LeRoi Moores performed the ceremony, assisted by Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead, and Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate. The church was decorated with sweetpeas and other garden flowers and white bows of ribbon marked the section of the church reserved for the invited guests.

Whitman Haines presided at the organ and as the wedding party entered the church played "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." During the signing of the register the choir sang "O Perfect Love." The recessional was Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Miss Muriel G. Blair and Miss Dorothy Blair, and Rev. Arthur E. Coleman, Verdun, Que., rector of St. John the Divine Church, supported the groom. Mary Lou Hay was flower girl and Murray Blair, nephew of the bride, was train bearer. The ushers were Dr. Murray R. Blair, Somerville, Mass., and Arthur A. Blair, St. Andrews.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home, which was decorated with flowers and plants. About 100 guests attended. Mrs. C. J. Barter and Mrs. M. R. Blair presided over the tea and coffee cups and the Misses Tillie Bailey, Evelyn Blair, Alice Bird, Mary Henry, Evely Brannen, Lillian Cumming, Mary Grannan and Mrs. Arthur MacLaggan served. The table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake, decorated with silver leaves and topped by a miniature bride and groom. The guests were admitted by Mrs. H. R. Logan and Mrs. A. G. Stickles and were ushered to the diningroom by Mrs. C. LeRoi Moores.

Among out-of-town guests at the wedding were Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Coleman, Verdun, Que.; Dr. Murray R. and Mrs. Blair, Somerville, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. George Petley, Moncton; Arthur Blair, St. Andrews; Miss Dorothy Blair, R.N., Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Saint John; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Purdy, and Miss Valma Purdy, Jemseg; Miss Melissa Murphy, Portland, Me., and Springer Purdy, Saint John.

CANADIANA

THE ATTITUDE OF MIND

How strange it is that what we see for all are formed the self-same way. And worldwide over this we find—A man is fashioned by his mind. All this comes with the gift of birth. It is the source of all that gives.

The mind is that mysterious thing It is the realm of thought where dwells

And shapes each individual soul Symbolical to the life he lives. By this strange hidden power of thought, His every action leaves behind from Twilight

To the Dawn of Light.
—Edwin H. Clarke, Fredericton.

RAIN

Long have we waited for the lovely rain—

And now the brittle grass is growing brown; A stillness holds the silver weather-vane—

And, like a bloom, dust lies upon the town;

But O! I heard a peacock call at noon "Rain—Rain is coming; Rain is coming soon!"

Out in the fields the anxious cattle lowed—

And drooping clover seemed to lift and stir;

A far off whistle travelled down the road, Stinging the silence—and with sudden whirr

A covey of young partridges went by And vanished as brown leaves against the sky.

But on the trees the leaves were all acurl,

And motionless as things beneath a spell; The morning glory buds will not uncurl

Although the morning goes, they know full well—

Out in the quiet and the clinging heat I think that I can hear the Earth's heart beat.

Upon the wind that comes with beating wings,

The dreadful brooding stillness blows away;

The rain! The lovely rain comes down, and sings,

In this strange twilight that is sweet as day!

And o'er the lake where whitened waves roll in

The storm god hurls his glittering javelin.

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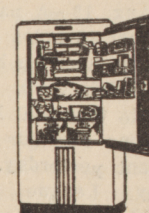
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