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## Annoyance in Quebec

Quebec members of Parliament are beginning to express annoyance at the suggestion that the people of French-Canada, and they alone, are opposed to making adequate provision for the defense of Canada.

The opinions of members from all parts of Canada indicate that there is in the Maritime Provinces, the West and even in Ontario a considerable number of taxpayers who are mildly protesting against the imposition of additional tax burdens. Some of them do not appreciate the need for modern airplanes and other defensive measures because they are not convinced that Canada is in danger of attack. But the truth is that Canada must act in unison with the United Kingdom and sister Dominions in the event of an unprovoked attack on the Empire.

## Neutrality Talk Futile

Thursday's neutrality debate should satisfy the isolationists for some time. What prompted Mr. J. S. Woodsworth to intrude it on the House of Commons, beyond a desire to embarrass the Government, stays misty. If it was to test the weight of impressions made by his unseasonable isolation campaign, he is not likely to be stimulated by the answer. But his attempt to justify it by indirect assaults on the Government's national defense programme was a tactical error not expected from so experienced a politician.

The fact that he could see Canada's defense estimates coinciding suspiciously with imperialistic designs of war-minded Governments credits nothing to the perceptive faculties of the member from Winnipeg. If there were not designing, war-minded Governments there would be no need for Canada's defense programme; nor for Great Britain's, for that of the United States, France and a dozen others. And there would be even less excuse for Mr. Woodsworth peddling isolation.

There is a suggestion of mental isolation in the C.C.F. Leader's inability to recognize the relationship between neutrality and defense. As Hon. Ernest Lapointe made so clear, rather than neutrality producing disarmament, premature declarations of neutrality produce armaments in great quantity. While stung by Hon. Fernand Rinfret's description of his attitude as "academic," it is difficult, under present circumstances, to see it as anything else. Clearly it has no place in present Parliamentary business.

All the examples that are needed to demonstrate the futility, not to say the danger, of legislative neutrality can be had from the United States. Her neutrality measures have virtually to be rewritten or replaced with every new development of European politics. Even when littered with every possible safeguard, there is no more security for her or any other neutral than there is for Canada, for the simple reason that there is no means of telling what interpretation an aggressor will place on the conditions of neutrality.

It is not for Canada to know any more clearly than other nations today know what form and what involvements a possible war may have. The very uncertainties of the diplomatic relations between world Powers, the unfathomable depths of their ambitions and the strange interlacing of accords, treaties and mutual agreements making nothing impossible. To be sure, Canada cannot rush into war, but neither can she take the risk of saying beforehand what her policy is to be.

In her desire to avoid all international complications and to keep all issues directed into channels of negotiation, she is as much a neutral as is the United States or Switzerland or Belgium, or any other State with a predetermined policy. Her interests, the whole question of self-preservation, demand that she fit any action to the conditions of the event when it happens. That such a policy is not only wise but practicable is amply demonstrated by Great Britain's neutrality in the Spanish crisis. And, as an undeclared Power, Canada remains a potential enemy, which is to say, a deterrent to possible aggressors.

## Beauty in Building Urged

Further evidence of Lord Tweedsmuir's interest in the esthetic and cultural life of Canada was given last week when his Excellency the Governor-General opened an exhibition of architecture and allied arts at the Toronto Art Gallery.

Canada, his Excellency suggested, has a splendid opportunity to develop an architecture combining beauty with utility. He also referred to the importance of judicious town planning, and urged that particular attention be paid to the artistic side of bridge building.

Lord Tweedsmuir evidently has studied the subjects and speaks with authority, for he dwelt on the need of harmonizing Canadian architecture with the various natural backgrounds to be found in the different Provinces of the Dominion. What is suitable for the wooded hills of the East, he pointed out, would not fit in on the Prairies or on the Pacific Coast.

His remarks were timely, for that there must soon be a great increase in building activity has been evident for some time, and this increase should not be allowed to develop without fully qualified control.

In home-building, too, the best advice should be easily available, for the inept designer is likely to mistake ostentation for artistry. A combination of Swiss chalet, medieval turrets and Chinese pagodas, for instance, may be impressive, but is certainly in bad taste.

His Excellency referred wisely to the effect of tradition on architecture, admitting that many fine buildings in the United States were due to the Colonial tradition. But he added the warning that "tradition may lead to ossification," which is a point to be borne in mind.

Modern needs and modern influences are causing present-day architecture to break away from tradition, and Canada should not lag behind in devising types of construction which will be national in character, pleasing to the eye, and conforming to the requirements of modern progress.

## Experiments in Education

An interesting educational experiment recently has gone on the rocks at Hackensack, N.J., where sixteen of the twenty instructors have quit because their paychecks are overdue. A long history of financial failure of such institutions has not checked the enthusiasm with which they are started, or minimized the importance of such experiments in the development of educational methods. The president, a former professor of business administration in a large university, founded Northern University to fulfill a dream of a school which would better prepare young men and young women to live happily and work efficiently in the world to which they are born. There was a communal life in which teachers and pupils were active, and specialists in business and law contributed their bits to helping to round out a thoroughly equipped citizen.

The school might not have had easy sailing with adequate financing, and it may still pull through. At any rate, one more failure on the high road to educational perfection is not so important. What is important is that all educators are becoming more and more aware of needed changes in curricula, methods and school life generally, and are seeking, perhaps a little more practically than Northern University did, a more effective way of preparing youth for an increasingly complex life.

## SNAPSHOTS

It is as it is claimed, there are gambling dens running in the centre of this city and ruining young men, the sooner these are closed up the better. There must be some fire where there is smoke. These dens if they exist are a disgrace to a place like Fredericton.

A correspondent wants to know which sex is more peaceful? Well, two men can live in the same house and cook on the same stove.

It looks like the Government at Ottawa has lots of money to spend on the Coronation—Two hundred thousand dollars.

The depression did some good, for you hear fewer people say: "Who cares what he says? He's got nothing!"

The serpent in Eden was a typical agitator. He did the big talking, but others had to take the loss.

Man is ruled by his heart or his head. If Nature gives him a grim sense of duty, she usually leaves out the heart.

A prominent physician says one should lie in bed for 20 minutes after being awakened. As if everyone didn't know that!

Yes, you can win more success in a great city; but it takes a lot more to make anybody aware of it.

## Everything

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technical advisers have been working on the organization and legislation for the new transcontinental mail and passenger service for six months or more and once the act setting up the new corporation has been passed by Parliament the company which will run the service will go full speed ahead with plans to operate daily this summer between Winnipeg and Vancouver with a later extension to Eastern Canada.

So far as the Government is concerned, the landing fields will be quite ready by Dominion Day. All the equipment necessary for safe landing at night has been ordered. The Department of Transport gives assurance that all essential aids to air navigation and meteorological information will be available early this summer.

## Procedure

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affairs. It was advanced by Paul Martin (Lib., Essex East) and supported by Mr. Woodsworth.

The prime minister as head of the department of external affairs had to take responsibility for what information should or should not be given to the public, said Mr. King. He could give the information he wished in the House of Commons and a committee could not obtain more information by calling departmental officials. These officials could not take the responsibility of giving information.

The estimates included an increase of \$1,900 in the salary of Hon. Vincent Massey, high commissioner in London. This would bring his salary to \$14,000 and Mr. Leader said his expense allowance brought his total remuneration to \$40,000.

Expenses of government offices abroad were growing at an alarming rate, said Mr. Leader. As he had criticized the Bennett government for increasing these expenditures he was disappointed at further increases coming from the Liberal government for which he had great respect.

### Questions Fitness

Mr. Bennett questioned the physical fitness of Hon. Randolph Bruce, present Canadian minister at Tokyo, to carry such a responsibility. He mentioned this with regret, he said.

Mr. Mackenzie King replied that the defective eyesight of the minister was to be regretted but as Mr. Bruce had so well discharged his duties as lieutenant-governor of British Columbia his handicap could not have been very serious.

At the time of his appointment Mr. Bruce had himself mentioned his defective sight as a possible handicap and declared he would be ready to retire at any time the government so desired.

Reports from Tokyo indicated, the prime minister said, that Mr. Bruce had filled his position admirably ever since he took office.

## Administrative

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ranches," he laughingly remarked.

The Premier and Mrs. Hepburn and their children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Hayes while in Arizona. Except for a motor trip to Nogales, on the Mexican border, they spent their entire health vacation in Tucson and vicinity. The Premier was unable to get to California to visit his friend Ned Sparks, the motion picture comedian, as planned.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

February 10th  
1763

France Surrendered Canada to Great Britain.

## Railway Men's

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parts of the Dominion. No statements were issued.

Chairman and Spokesman Howard B. Chase hurriedly left the afternoon conference a few minutes before it broke up. His secretary reported Chase had not been seen "all day." Chase is believed to have communicated to delegates his parley with Labor Minister Rogers in Ottawa last night.

The union men were reported to be concerned with the possibility of loss of pensions and "seniority ratings" with their railway employers in case a threatened strike ensues.

The strike threat followed issuance of two reports of the MacLean conciliation board at Ottawa last week. A majority report recommended three reductions of one per cent. each in a 10 per cent. wage cut in effect for several years. The minority report of Fred Bancroft, labor representative on the board, recommended full restoration of the wage cut by the end of the year.

The conference committee is expected to meet again tomorrow.

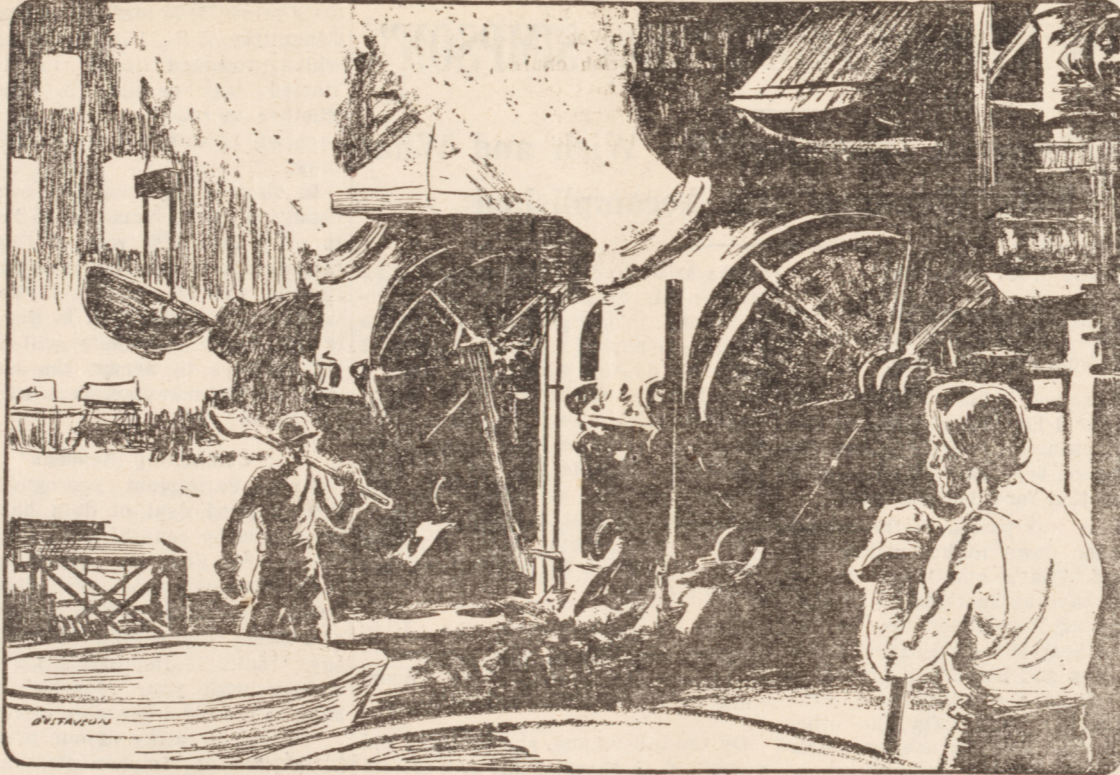
## THREATEN STRIKES IN 210 BUILDINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—A threat of strikes today in 210 new Manhattan and Bronx buildings came from the Building Service Employees International Union after its members in all five New York city boroughs joined forces to extend their sporadic walk-outs to Westchester County and Newark, N.J.

James J. Bambrick, president of the Greater New York Council of the union, said Brooklyn building operators would be confronted with walk-outs Thursday and other localities after that.

MONCTON, Feb. 10—The whereabouts of Frank H. Bedford, who disappeared from his home in Montreal on Jan. 23, still is shrouded in mystery. No word has been received here, said J. E. Bedford, of this city, father of the missing man.

## CANADIANS AND THEIR INDUSTRIES... AND THEIR BANK.



## MINING AND METALLURGY

Mining in Canada, now second largest of the country's industries, gives employment to 80,000 workmen and has a production value of over \$300,000,000 per annum.

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equipment, supplies, freight, etc., some \$40,000,000 per annum; and add some \$100,000,000 to the export value of Canada's mineral products, without counting the value of the gold recovered from base metal ores.

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## Vast Return

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amination of the financial history of Dominion Textiles, declaring that from 1906 an original investment of \$500,000 had brought more than \$14,000,000 in profits, while enhancing the value of the company's properties by an almost equal sum additional to that.

From 1929 to 1936, which period included the depression years, said Mr. McRuer, dividends had amounted to \$5,812,500. This he said was important when the Commission came to deal with what the company expected from the consumers and when argument was reached on the question of what the company had done with respect to the worker.

He cited the modernization of machinery in the mills, machines replacing workers to such an extent that some years ago Lord Willington then Governor General of Canada, visiting the Mount Royal plant, had commented on the few people necessary to operate it.

"I do not see many people in this mill at all," His Excellency had observed, this remark being quoted in the company's annual report of 1928. "As a matter of fact there are not very many because (depending on the class of goods) we have up to 60 looms to the weaver," the report had said, "and this is only one of our mills."

In addition to the dividends of more than \$14,000,000 since its inception, said Mr. McRuer, enhancement of value to the company's plants was \$14,671,105.

"It is claimed on behalf of the company that a portion of the increased value of the plant may be due to the increase in the cost of replacement values," said counsel. "But assuming this to be so, the position the shareholders are in today is this. While continually complaining over a period of years of insufficient tariff protection, and while making strong representations to the Government in 1930 that tariff protection had been insufficient—and on the strength of these representations securing further tariff protection—the original investment of \$500,000, made in 1905, has yielded a return of \$14,837,500 in dividends, and today has, according to the company's records, an additional present value of \$14,671,105."

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FRED I. HAVILAND,  
City Clerk.

City Hall, February 10, 1937.

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4 to 6.30 o'clock  
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St. Paul's Church  
Tickets, 25c

## BORN

TWEEDIE—At Victoria Public Hospital, on February 8, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tweedie, a son.

## Transport Bill

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mittee. Among those asking to be heard are representatives of the Halifax Board of Trade and Saint John, N. B., Board of Trade. Tomorrow Transport Minister Howe will be before the committee to give explanations of the measure. He will be assisted by several railway and marine officials. Rt. Hon. George P. Graham is chairman of the committee.

The committee probably will decide tomorrow when the outside witnesses will be heard.