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## NATIONAL INTEREST ASSURED

THE wide interest taken in the pending proceedings of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations shows that, notwithstanding some political criticism, the importance of the inquiry is not being minimized. Presumably all the complexities and complications involved are being studied and arranged in orderly form for presentation by the Federal Government. Each Province is preparing to submit data and views compiled by experts. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has forwarded a circular letter to member Boards and Chambers and national trade associations appealing for support in discussing the various forms of taxation and public expenditure. Steps have been taken among the larger Ontario municipalities for co-operation in preparing a brief. The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities will meet in Montreal next week to examine municipal problems for purposes of representation. Undoubtedly other organizations are making similar preparations.

Indications are that when the Commission commences its hearings in Winnipeg, toward the end of this month, machinery will be in motion from one side of the country to the other arranging or completing data dealing with every phase of activity affecting the public welfare.

An idea of what the municipalities are considering can be had from the subjects to be discussed in Montreal. They will examine their legal powers and responsibilities, the allocation of revenue resources, the results in the past and future probabilities. An investigation will be made of the character and amount of taxes collected from the standpoints of efficiency and equity. Expenditures and debts will be considered with a view to learning whether the present division of the burden of government is equitable and conducive to efficient administration or whether redefinition and reallocation of functions and powers are required. The relationship of educational to municipal administration and costs will also be examined.

The Toronto Board of Trade has submitted a preliminary brief to the Commission which may be regarded as representative of the problems similar organizations wish studied. This covers four general subjects: public expenditure and public debt, taxation, social services, and interprovincial barriers.

Boards of Trade naturally are interested in the effects of Government activities on business, the relation of public expenditures to profits, salaries and wages, the bearing of costs on the consumer. The Toronto Board emphasizes the desirability of limiting "the expenditure of revenues to constructive and necessary purposes" and arranging "the incidence of our taxes so that they can be most conveniently supported."

The scope of the inquiry involves every citizen directly or indirectly. It touches his pocketbook, his social welfare, his citizenship, not because it deals with him individually, but because its results are expected to show how the Governments can serve more effectively and economically.

The Commission is due to receive a vast amount of data, requiring analysis and classification for purposes of broad application. To harmonize taxpaying ability and requisites of business with the increasing demands on Government bodies is a large problem alone. While most of the information compiled will be detailed of necessity, the public has to keep in mind that the chief purpose is to suggest future Government policies, to determine the powers and responsibilities of each branch.

Much has been said about the constitutional aspects of the inquiry. As we understand it, the primary object is to clarify taxation and expenditure policies, with equitable allotment to Federal, Provincial and Municipal fields so the confusion of the past may be eliminated. Many new forms of service, wise or otherwise, have been demanded without a plain understanding of jurisdiction. It may make little difference to the public who administers these, but it is clear the funds must come from some assured source of revenue. Constitutional changes may be needed to provide the jurisdiction most suitable. Constitutional questions thus become a means to an end. Their discussion will depend upon what the various Governments are expected to do in the solution of public problems.

Out of all, it is hoped, will arise a more intelligent understanding of each Government's duties, that the Provinces may function more efficiently, as Prime Minister King stated, within their own jurisdictions, recognizing the true place of the Federal Government on the one hand and the municipalities on the other.

## GOOD FOR THE QUINTUPLETS!

SCIENTISTS, wise persons, have been looking over the quintuplets, have been arriving at scientific conclusions. One of these is "Adaptive behavior: Very wide variations are noted in their development." There are other findings, which no doubt will be placed on the records and added to the literature that has grown up around these little ladies, but this will do for the present. The scientists, 200 strong, met in Toronto, discussed the children from many angles, then proceeded to Callender to call on them.

This is where the "adaptive" business became evident. It would seem that the "quints" thought of the visit this way: "Scientists, eh? Well, we'll show them. They may be important in conference, but we're in command here." So each added a little to her usual stunt, simulated a bit of a wrangle, smiled, sang and chattered baby talk until all the eminent visitors could say was: "Great!" "Cute!" "Aren't they wonderful?" and so on. Feeble words; scientific terminology forgotten. Just the exclamations heard every day about the Callender nursery.

## Snapshots

Any one who has followed the divorce court proceedings during the past few days, will understand how Cartier named the water adjoining Restigouche county the "Bay Chaleur."

New Brunswick is making one record of which she cannot be proud, that is a record in the number of divorces. Much of the evidence given in many cases shows that conditions in this province are disgraceful. There is evidently need of home missions as well as of foreign missions, and these people are all supposed to be "respectable."

It's a wonder, that the postal authorities at Ottawa did not consider Fredericton's needs. They cut off the Minto-Chipman service without ever consulting our interests in the matter.

Official starters of horse races will understand the situation regarding intervention in Spain. Just as the Powers' representatives are lined up for the start, some refractory fellow bolts or starts running the wrong way. Then the work has to be done over again; sometimes again and again.

## IS COUNTRY

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Canada's moderate defense programme had been largely concentrated upon improving the defenses of the western coast against a possible invader from the Orient and that in planning these defenses the obvious necessity of co-ordinating American and Canadian strategy had been considered.

The enlarged national defense budget of \$37 millions adopted at Ottawa last spring involved a gross increase of \$16.5 millions over the previous year's appropriation.

## RAILWAY IS HELD

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More than 300 veterans from Toronto, London, Stratford and Belleville attended the luncheon, which was presided over by President R. Muirhead, C. R. Moore, formerly General Superintendent of Transportation, himself a member of the association, moved the vote of thanks to the speakers.

## TO SPEAK IN SAINT JOHN

Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett, minister of the Wilmet United Church, will leave this evening for Saint John, where he will take part in the Anniversary Service of the Portland Street United Church. He will return to this city on Monday.

## POSTAL DISCRIMINATION

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on the seven o'clock train on Thursday, but was held up at the Post Office here until ten o'clock on Friday morning and then sent to Minto on the slow freight which dragged along all day and reached its destination around seven o'clock last evening. If there is anything more foolish than this arrangement we would like to learn about it.

As was explained fully in The Daily Mail of yesterday and as is explained in a letter from Mr. Phillips to the Post Master General, Fredericton, business and professional people enjoy a large business from Minto, Chipman and the adjoining areas and this service means the replies to their outgoing mail is unnecessarily delayed a whole day and is a serious handicap. Nothing but the most unlimited amount of nerve on the part of the postal authorities could have induced them to block the mail service inaugurated for the benefit of our business and professional men. Mr. Phillips in his letter referred to the newspaper services and as he has done so, it may be well for us to explain the situation in that regard. The two Fredericton daily papers are issued here in the middle of the afternoon. They should go down to Minto, Chipman and adjoining areas on the train that leaves here at seven o'clock and should reach their destination the same night. These papers, like the other mail, are not sent out on that train but they are held up in the Fredericton Post Office until the next morning and reach the down country section, about forty miles, more than twenty-four hours after they are published.

In the meantime, the papers of the following day arrive from Saint John and are sent down on the same train as the Fredericton papers of the day previous.

It appears, from a conversation which The Daily Mail had this afternoon with certain New Brunswick Post Office officials, that the postal authorities at Saint John at first routed the Fredericton mail on the express as it was desired to be routed by the Fredericton citizens. The statement was made on the same authority that after this service had been in force a week or so residents of the Minto area communicated with the postal authorities at Ottawa and that the Ottawa authorities wired to the postal officials' headquarters in New Brunswick to have this change discontinued and to have the mails which should leave here on the evening train held over until the following morning as is now being done. THIS PUTS THE PROPOSITION SQUARELY UP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POST MASTER GENERAL AT OTTAWA. ONE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH A CHANGE CAN BENEFIT THE MINTO PEOPLE, WHO, INSTEAD OF RECEIVING MAIL ON THE SAME DAY IN WHICH IT IS MAILED, DO NOT RECEIVE IT TILL THE FOLLOWING DAY.

We are informed by Postmaster Donald Cameron of this city that he pointed out to the Postal authorities at Saint John the importance to this city of having this early mail service continued but the superior officers in Saint John evidently did not care what kind of a service this city received. They should have consulted the Fredericton business men before making the change and should have also presented to Ottawa the wishes of our citizens in the matter.

The citizens of Fredericton and its business and professional men as represented by the Board of Trade have impressed this upon the Postal authorities at Ottawa, the urgency of this service and the postal authorities are expected to take action at once.

## OUR MAIL BAG

## THINGS FRESH

Oromocto, N. B.,  
Nov. 4, 1937.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Are they fresh? Stand for a few moments in any market and what is the question on every lip? "Are they fresh." Nobody in the wide world wants anything "flat, stale and unprofitable."

I am willing to wager that even the young lady from Devon looks from the corner of her eye first of all to see if she thinks they are "fresh," regardless of whether she is looking for eggs, bread, fruit or a soul-mate. The last time I had the pleasure of calling at the Mail Office I found Mr. Editor looking as rosy and "fresh" as a June rose. You invite the fair damsel from Devon to come and see for herself that you "are not a bit fresh." If that is the truth, rest assured she will not tarry long.

At a party, dance, bridge or bingo game all eyes rove around looking for re-fresh-ments. The moment we feel a bit weary or stale we look for something to re-fresh us.

So you two quit your squabbling and fume and fret. Why when I was a boy high on to sixty years ago we had to walk away up to the Gully above Government House near Jimmy Tennant's to find a spot clean and fresh enough to go in swimming.

I trust you will decline the young lady's advice "to go chase yourself" unless you head for Oromocto.

I'm 78 and try to keep "fresh" as a daisy and sweet as a "nut." Some say I am the latter.

S. J. NEALIS

## DUKE OF WINDSOR

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hour conference among the Duke, Lee Olwell, press agent; Lieut. Dudley Forwood, the Duke's equerry, and others.

The statement added that "the Duke emphatically repeats that there is no shadow of justification for any suggestion he is allied with any industrial system or that he is for or against any particular political or racial doctrine...."

(The Baltimore Federation of Labor last Wednesday "warned" organized Labor not to be "taken in" by "slumming parties professing to help and to study labor." It called Charles E. Bedaux, who had been arranging the Windsors' United States tour, an "arch enemy of Labor.")

Bedaux, a few hours before the Paris statement was issued, cabled the Duke from New York asking to be relieved of all duties in connection with the tour "because of mistaken attacks upon me here."

Even close associates of the former King were in doubt regarding his final decision until the last moment.

British sources said the decision to postpone the trip probably was based upon two factors:

1. The Duke desired not to create any possible strain on Anglo-American relations and felt that any trouble over his visit would offend Great Britain generally.

2. The Duke considered that in view of the resolution of the Baltimore Federation of Labor the time was not ripe for a visit.

The text of the statement follows: "It is announced tonight on behalf of the Duke of Windsor that he has decided to postpone his visit to America."

"His Royal Highness arrived at this decision with great reluctance and after much deliberation but he feels that owing to grave misconceptions which have arisen and misstatements which have appeared regarding the motives and purpose of his industrial tour there was no alternative but to defer it for the present."

"His Royal Highness will personally convey his thanks to those industrial companies who so generously extended invitations to him and to all who assisted in the arrangements."

The Duke's friend, Bedaux, at whose French chateau the Duke was married June 3, blamed "mistaken attacks" by American labor organizations for opposition to the proposed tour during which the Duke was to visit many American industrial plants.

Charles E. Bedaux, friend of the Duke to relieve him from duties as day "implored" and "begged" the Duke to relieve him from duties as guide in connection with the Duke and Duchess' tour of the United States.

Bedaux, attacked by American Labor organizations, sent the following cable to the Duke:

"Sire: "I am compelled in honesty and friendship to advise you that because of mistaken attacks upon me here, I am convinced that your proposed study will be made difficult under my guidance."

"Grateful as I am for your request that I continue I, nevertheless, beg you to be guided by the knowledge that my deepest wish is the full attainment of the objects of your visit to the United States."

"I remain, Sire, your devoted friend,  
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## 'Thief Meets Thief'

## DO NOT WANT

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shown in actions and observances of the law rather than by words. Does Mr. Wuhr think that anyone will believe that the daily actions of the so called pickets are those of law-abiding citizens. The program has been starting about five o'clock in the morning with two loud explosions which reverberate over the whole district. This is followed during the next hour by whooping and yelling which can be heard a mile or two off, as these union men get together and travel in bands during the early morning darkness to gather at our mines in numbers of between 100 and 350. They try to intimidate the Rothwell men who are one hundred per cent British subjects and they are making necessary the largest police guard that this district has ever seen.

Going by houses occupied by some of our employees, these union men call out in profane and abusive and vile language which has to be listened to by women and children. When returning later they have again used such language when the women folks are home alone with their little children and Mr. Wuhr, the President is on hand each morning. He was present a week ago yesterday with the mob who stoned our workmen in their cars. Yesterday morning roofing nails were scattered along part of the road over which the police cars would have to go, as well as the cars of our own men on their way to work. Not one of our men is allowed to walk. If such actions as these fit in with Mr. Wuhr's ideas of loyalty, I am afraid that he is in the wrong country.

"I know many of the union members are good loyal British citizens and I feel sure that they do not want to be associated or considered as upholding such actions. According to current reports many of them will soon show the disapproval by returning to work and allowing their differences to be adjusted by the Fair Wage Board. The union statement further says that the operators have professed a great belief in British justice and the foundation of British justice is that no person shall be condemned until they have had a fair trial by a competent judge. In the present controversy the Fair Wage Board is the judge, and the operators have agreed to abide by the decision but the union has refused. There has been no denial of collective bargaining here on my part and I have always dealt with my men collectively where they wished and I am still prepared to do so. All the large operators including myself have refused to recognize the Union Mine Workers of America under the leadership of agitators from Nova Scotia and this matter of recognition the union officials have repeatedly stated is the only issue in the present strike."

"We in Minto are fighting for the whole of New Brunswick to prevent the entrance of the C.I.O. under the dictatorship of John L. Lewis and his henchmen. At the present time the Rothwell men are bearing the brunt. They have continued working throughout the strike and have kept their heads under severe provocation. I do not know where you would find a better body of men, and I am proud of them."

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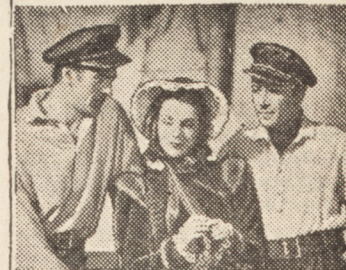
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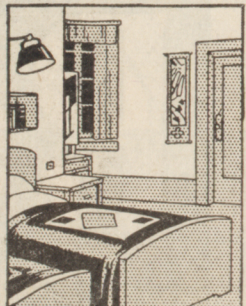
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