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## MUST TRUST BRITISH POLICY

THE average citizen cannot know how delicate is the poise of the international situation, how close to the fuse is the flame which might rend the world asunder. When the German dictator again throws down the gauntlet in the flush of newly gained strength and the British Foreign Secretary feels obliged to resign rather than compromise with threats—if this is the interpretation—we can only trust to the wisdom and knowledge of those in authority even though they are but human.

Anthony Eden may have been right in his desire to maintain a stiff front to the Hitlers and Mussolinis, and the others wrong. Possibly a mistake was made in not going to the mat with them earlier. We know now a terrible mistake was made in letting British armed strength decline to the point of helplessness, just as the indecision of early 1914 in dealing with the Kaiser and his junkers proved a grave error. BRITISH STATESMANSHIP IS NOT INFALLIBLE, BUT IT IS THE BEST THERE IS. AT THE PRESENT TIME BRITAIN'S POLICY IS DEFINED IN THE WORDS OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN: "WE FEEL IT OUR DUTY TO TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY WHICH PRESENTS ITSELF TO US TO TAKE ACTIVE AND POSITIVE STEPS TO REMOVE WHAT WOULD BE THE CAUSE OF ANOTHER WAR." Mr. Eden's guarded speech at Kenilworth gives the impression that he has little faith in this accomplishment. He has seen the hand of fate moving steadily forward, directed by those to whom war is a game: "We cannot but be acutely conscious that events in the world, wherever they take place, may one day spread in their consequences until they affect us here in Great Britain."

Many negative steps have been taken in the past few years to maintain peace, and they have brought war closer. The world that looks to Britain would feel easier if it was assured that "positive steps" were of a nature to prevent war. According to the demands of Hitler, boasting of the army at his back, would be positive for him and negative for other nations unless accompanied by a dependable guarantee that it was not just another concession to threats and further evidence of fear.

While the British people with traditional confidence in their leaders will hope that the course being pursued is the wisest, the change of opinion in the past year shows that patience will not endure interminably. Mr. Eden's resignation will intensify the division of thought and make it more essential than ever that the Government prove its position right. Sitting on the edge of the precipice gets on the nerves.

The public, however, cannot help matters by becoming excited. When Prime Minister King, and especially the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bennett, felt obliged in the Canadian House of Commons to warn against taking any action on immigration which might be interpreted as antagonistic to Japan, they indicated the delicate nature of the international situation. It is well to heed the advice of men who understand national responsibilities. If it is essential to keep cool in Canada and take official steps guardedly, it is necessary to trust the British leaders upon whom the immediate fate of the world seems to depend.

The second point in Mr. Chamberlain's speech contains the real key: "Make Britain so strong nobody will dare attack her, and ensure that when Britain talks her voice is listened to." Every possible effort is being made to postpone war until Britain and those allied with her can demand peace. If war would be the greatest tragedy conceivable, as all admit, nothing is so important today in Britain, in Canada and in other peace-loving countries, as to strengthen defenses. With this accomplished the stiff backbone of the Anthony Edens will cause no Cabinet rift.

## WHY EDUCATION LANGUISHES

ONE OF the objects of adult education is to point out opportunities in the Rural Districts and to educate the people to grasp them. The Province is dependent upon the prosperity of those who live in the country and are engaged in the development of our natural resources, but the tendency has been, through an ill-advised education program, to point out the advantages of the city to the detriment of the country.

Primary producers have suffered and are suffering severe handicaps and inequalities in comparison with their friends of the towns and cities—handicaps and disadvantages that are not appreciated by the urban folks. No more striking illustration of this inequality is to be found than right in our own Educational System. Let us make a comparison: Two girls or boys decide on teaching as their life work and profession. They both possess about the same ability, graduate from High School, attend Normal School and emerge, each with a superior license. One secures a position in grade four of a city school at a salary of about \$1,000.00 per year with the additional Government grant. The school has all modern conveniences and the teacher is required to instruct only one grade of about thirty pupils. In contrast, the other secures a school in a rural district, a one-room building without modern conveniences, heated by a stove which in some cases the teacher must tend and light sufficiently early to get the room warm for the children. There are fifteen or more children of all ages, requiring instruction in studies from grade one to grade eight. For this job the rural teacher receives a salary varying from \$26.50 to \$40.00 per month or about \$238.00 for the school year, with the additional Government grant of \$135.00.

THIS IS A SITUATION THAT NEEDS CORRECTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH IS ITSELF QUITE PROPERLY ENDEAVORING TO PERSUADE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS TO REMAIN AT HOME. COMPARING THE SALARIES THE RURAL TEACHERS ARE RECEIVING AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARE CALLED UPON TO WORK, WITH THOSE OF THEIR FELLOWS IN THE URBAN CENTRES, IT WILL READILY BE SEEN THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE WITHOUT DELAY TO BETTER THE LOT OF THE RURAL TEACHER.—Saint John Citizen.

## DON'T BE A SCHUSCHNIGG

CHANCELLOR Schuschnigg of Austria, who ran rabbit-like to Hitler and tossed Austria into Germany's lap, placed Nazis in power in Austria. Now the Nazis are trying to toss Schuschnigg out on his ear. There are hundreds of thousands of big and little Schuschniggs throughout the world, in public and private life.

Don't be a Schuschnigg. It doesn't even pay.

## Snapshot

We again welcome the members of the legislature who are arriving in to the city today. We hope their stay will be pleasant and profitable.

Here's hoping our old friend Glad Perry, member of Carleton will be on deck early. Glad always has something funny to say, and he brushes away the cobwebs.

Nothing so annoys a woman as to have a man spoil a perfectly good argument with anything so final as the thermometer, the speedometer or the dictionary.

Harrisburg, Illinois, woman doesn't need a broadcast receiver so long as her coal stove brings in programs. Radio experts say a coal clicker makes grate music for her.

Vermont dairyman joins the ranks of those who have made the news by feeding their herds radio programs. The butter fat content is not increased, but there's more cottage cheese.

A lady is a person who is interrupted when she has dinner on the stove and remembers her manners.

Men of some sections are rude to women, but they probably know best what their women deserve.

Size isn't everything. The greatest of mechanized armies still fail to lick a little cholera germ.



MR. A. C. CHAPMAN,  
First Vice-President, The Central  
Trust Company of Canada

## FRANCE

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ditional warships and fighting planes during the period.

This armament fund, which is supplementary to the regular national defence budget allotments totalling 22,000,000,000 francs (\$724,000,000), will be obtained from public borrowing. It will be administered as an independent fund by a committee headed by Daladier.

After parliamentary approval, borrowing was expected to begin immediately through the floating of a 2,000,000,000 franc (\$65,000,000) loan. The air corps will be given 1,200,000,000 francs (\$39,480,000) to start construction of 1,000 planes to build up aviation strength.

The navy will be allotted 800,000,000 francs (\$25,320,000) to lay down two 35,000-ton battleships.

Creation of an independent fund was based on the belief of national defence ministers that borrowing is easier in France when Frenchmen are sure the money is earmarked for national defence and not to be side-tracked to some other use.

A member of Naval Minister William Bertrand's staff said the money would be used to lay down four additional 35,000-ton battleships which, with the two already under construction and the two to be laid down this year, would give France eight such warships.

The Senate finance, air, war, navy and colonial defence committees tomorrow will begin a series of secret joint conferences to study national defence.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office disclosed that cabinet members would propose a conference with Great Britain to seek common action looking toward establishment of more friendly relations with Germany and Italy.

## MID-WEEK MARKET

The mid-week market was small this morning at Phoenix Square. Hay and wood were the principal products displayed. Prevailing prices were as follows: Hay, per ton, \$8 and \$9; wood, per cord, \$7; butter, per pound 35 cents; eggs, per dozen, 25 and 30 cents; apples, per peck, 25 to 40 cents; pork, per pound, 12 and 15 cents; beef, per pound, 8 and 10 cents; potatoes, per barrel, \$1.25; carrots, per peck, 25 cents; squash, per pound, 3 cents; headcheese, per pound, 15 cents.



MR. E. H. RITCEY,  
General Manager, The Central  
Trust Company of Canada

## FINE REPORT OF TRUST COMPANY

The Central Trust Company, of Moncton, St. John, Fredericton and Woodstock Is Making Excellent Progress

MONCTON, N. B., February 23—The Annual Report of The Central Trust Company of Canada, released today at the Annual Meeting of the Company, reveals net earnings as the best since the inception of the Company in 1920, and gains in the Estates Trusts, Agency Accounts, and Guaranteed Investment Account are the features of the Annual Report for 1937. Income Account shows gross earnings the largest ever in the history of the Company, and net earnings in excess of 20 per cent over last year. Dividends at the rate of 6 per cent were paid during the year after deducting depreciation on buildings, vaults, safety deposit boxes, furniture and fixtures, as well as provision for bad debts or adjustments in depreciation of securities, as well as all 1937 additions and improvements to the Real Estate, have been written off against the year's earnings, leaving a substantial amount to be carried forward to Surplus Account.

The past year has been one of Real progress for your Company, stated E. H. Ritcey, General Manager in his report to the Shareholders. In many phases including net earnings, Estates, Trusts and Agency Accounts under administration a substantial increase was shown, although many Estates, Trusts and Agencies matured or were settled during the past year. No interest on any Mortgages or Bonds was reported in arrears during 1937. The number and value of Estates, Trusts, and Agencies under Administration have increased during the year to \$4,633,606.83. Mr. Ritcey also said, "The deposit of Wills, appointing the Company as executors and trustees also continues in a satisfactory volume. More Wills have been filed with us during 1937 than during the past two previous years."

"Although conditions have generally continued to show improvement, the work entailed in the management of the individual assets of Estates and business in general, entrusted in our care has continued to be more onerous than in normal times."

"Notwithstanding this, the operations of every department over the past year resulted in a larger volume of business and larger earnings, and this result is to be regarded as satisfactory."

The report further showed that a continuous audit has been made by the Company's Auditors as well as the annual inspection of the Company by the Dominion Government Officials. At all times, the Company's books and accounts have been found to exhibit a correct view of the position of its affairs.

Verification Statements in respect to Mortgages, Savings Account Depositors, and persons, and corporations for whom securities were being held in Trust, as collateral or for safe keeping were sent out and no discrepancies or discrepancies have been reported.

The Securities and funds held for Guaranteed Trusts and Estates were found to be kept separate on the books from the assets and securities belonging to the Company.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Fred Magee, Port Elgin; Hon. E. A. Reilly, K.C., A. Cavour Chapman, P. R. Sumner, Reid McManus, R. A. MacNaughton, W. F. Fergusson, E. H. Ritcey, Moncton; C. W. Fawcett, H. M. Wood, C. C. Avar, Sackville; Senator Creehan MacArthur, J. LeRoy Holman, Summerside; J. F. H. Todd, K.C., Saint John.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected:—

President, Hon. Fred Magee; vice-president, A. Cavour Chapman; secretary, Hon. Dr. M. A. Reilly, K.C.; general manager, E. H. Ritcey.

The executive committee will consist of Messrs. A. C. Chapman, Hon.

## Our Mail Bag

PROFESSOR STOCKLEY WRITES

Editor, The Daily Mail,  
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:  
The Daily Mail of January 21 writes of "The North of Ireland" of "The Northern Government of Ireland."

Some readers of The Daily Mail may be thinking of such far off things and may wish to reason from facts:

1. The most northerly part of Ireland, Donegal, is in the fantastic "Southern Ireland," invented by an English Act of Parliament.

2. Ulster has nine counties. The so-called "Ulster" of the Act has only six counties—the other three counties, Ulster, Monaghan, Cavan, Donegal (being overwhelmingly nationalist) are excluded from Ulster. If included they would have given the real Ulster exactly half Unionist, half Nationalist as shown by the equal number of M.P.s elected for Westminster on each side.

3. Partition of Ireland was voted against, in the Westminster Parliament by every Irish M.P., Unionist, Nationalist, Catholic, Protestant.

4. Two countries even of the six county "Ulster" always vote by majority, Nationalist, and against partition. These are Tyrone and Fermanagh; put into Ulster by force.

5. The English League for Civic Reform has sent a Commission to Belfast (after recent programs there) and finds a strong opposition to partition, "by no means confined to members of the Roman Catholic Church."

6. All chief Irish leaders, from political Grattan and militarist Wolfe Tone—including Emmett, Smith O'Brien, Thomas Davis, John Mitchell, Isaac Butt, Parnell—were Protestants except O'Connell (a large exception, no doubt).

7. The Anglican and Presbyterian Churches as well as the Catholics have ignored partition and meet as before, each in a single unpartitioned body, representing Ireland one and indivisible.

England partitioned Ireland as Russia, Prussia and Austria partitioned Poland. That England's great desire to undo partition may therefore, be reasonably doubted.

Yours truly,  
W. P. STOCKLEY.  
Cork, Ireland,  
February 1, 1938.

## BRITISH

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the sense of which the prime minister has spoken."

Mr. Chamberlain's version was that "unofficially Count Grandi communicated to me the contents of the telegram early Sunday morning and I communicated them to the cabinet."

The cabinet was under fire throughout the long day of debate. Arthur Greenwood, perhaps the most skillful debater on Labor's front bench, charged that with Mr. Eden gone "the fate of the world rests in the trembling hands of the prime minister." Mr. Lloyd George flayed the premier "as only fit for a stained glass window" and called Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare "a runaway horse; Winston Churchill assailed the "grave and largely irreparable" damage done by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the exchequer, while he was at the Foreign Office.

Touching off the oratorical clash, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"The prime minister, at the end of his speech, left as a crowning piece of evidence which with he was crushing the foreign secretary the production of a telegram handed to him by Count Grandi. The House must have noticed from the date that the telegram arrived Sunday morning. There was a cabinet meeting in the afternoon. The telegram wasn't there."

Interrupting, Mr. Chamberlain told usment was in existence and he never has every justification for what he has just said. But since he seems to be going to base his argument on it, I must tell the House that unofficially Mr. Grandi communicated to me the contents of the telegram early on Sunday morning, and I communicated its contents to the cabinet."

At this point, Mr. Eden arose to contradict the prime minister's version of the affair, adding, however, that "had it reached me, it would of course, have made no difference in my position."

Mr. Lloyd George then resumed his attack on the prime minister. "I have been a member of various governments for 17 years," he said. "I have never heard of such conduct as that. If I treated any colleague of mine in such a way I should be ashamed, and so would any prime minister."

"This is a most incredible story. Here was an important document never placed in the hands of a minister who felt so strongly on the subject that he was resigning."

"The prime minister knew this document was in existence and he never took the trouble to deliver it because he (Grandi) wanted to get rid of the foreign secretary."

E. A. Reilly, Reid McManus and F. Roy Sumner of Moncton and C. C. Avar of Sackville.

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In the vote and proceedings of Parliament published on Saturday, Prime Minister King gave notice of a motion to establish a select committee of the House on radio matters. To this committee will be submitted the annual report of the CBC "and such information regarding policies, revenue and expenditures" as the committee may require.

This is the Prime Minister's answer to those critics who have been hammering at the Government's radio policies since Parliament opened. A thorough investigation of all radio matters is forecast.

It will be before this committee also, that the Conservatives will make their anti-public ownership attack.

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