

## IMPORTANCE OF FREE BRITISH INSTITUTIONS

Stanley Baldwin Points Out to Youth That the Liberties of the Subject Are Threatened in Canada as Well as England

Mr. Baldwin addressed a mass meeting of the Junior Imperial League at Albert Hall in London on March 23 last and in the course of his address he emphasized the vital importance of maintaining free British institutions and the inherited liberties of a British subject. Those institutions and liberties are seriously threatened in Canada as well as in Great Britain.

Mr. Baldwin: I would like before I sit down to say a word on freedom. I will put to you very shortly how it appears to me. Ordered liberty has been our special and unique contribution to the world. Free institutions today have disappeared in some countries. They are threatened from within and from without, and, if we believe that this contribution of ours to world history is a contribution of value and that it creates an environment in which mankind can rise to the fulfilment of their best selves, then surely that contribution is worth defending. It is our privilege, and it is a hard one today, to be the torchbearer of ordered freedom in Europe. Let us guard it at home against all assaults, open and subterranean—(cheers)—and, so long as we can preserve in the plenitude of its integrity our constitutional form, there will be no room in this country for Communism or Fascism.

Either of those isms, whichever comes first will lead inevitably to the other. Therefore, the true inoculation is the inoculation of that ordered liberty that we prize so much; but, remember, if we lose it, and in so far as we lost it, we open the door immediately for some kind of tyranny, under whatever name it may be disguised. That is a thing that has never thrived in this soil and never can.

Let me remind you of a few words which I addressed to you and which are printed in the February Imp, for they set out what I try to teach you: "The Junior Imperial League exists to maintain and preserve these national ideals; to defend the freedom and liberty of the individual; to strengthen the bonds of Empire; to maintain orderly progress on constitutional lines with the State as a helping partner; to banish class warfare from our midst, and to develop a spirit of comradeship and co-operation among all classes for the advancement of our country and the Empire."

"A Cause To Fight For"

If you act in that spirit and work in

that spirit, then indeed you may be the greatest blessing to your country. To combine constitutional progress and combine the help that is often necessary today from the State in various departments of trade and life industry with that individualism that has made us what we are and without which life would hardly be worth living—for that you have come into existence. It could envy you, with long years of life and work before you, with such a cause to fight for, with so many active enemies and yet knowing that the principles you profess are principles that lie in the heart of nearly all your fellow-countrymen, and if you can but call them out and bring them up on the day of battle they will rout the enemy.

There is no greater happiness for a man like myself, who must now from the natural course of events be getting towards the end of his active career, than to see before him these hundreds and thousands of young men and women from all over the country, animated with principles that have always animated me, but with the energy and fervour of youth that I can no longer aspire to. It makes me supremely confident that the safety of our country is indeed secure so long as you are loyal to those principles and the future of your country is in your hands.—London "Times".

## R. B. BENNETT RECEIVES THIRTY NEWSPAPERMEN

OTTAWA, April 18—Showing only a loss of weight, the effects of his seven weeks' confinement to a sick room, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett played host tonight to some 30 newspapermen, members of the parliament Press Gallery. He was in excellent spirits and is looking forward to resuming the normal role as leader of the government when the House of Commons resumes on May 20. He will leave Ottawa on Thursday for New York and sail Friday or Saturday for London to attend the King's Silver Jubilee.

There were no particular problems for Canada to take before any Empire conference that may be held while the dominions prime ministers are in London, Mr. Bennett said, but

## TAKING THE PROFIT OUT OF PREPAREDNESS

An outline of history could be written in the slogans that have turned men's thoughts into actions. Today the capital of the United States resounds with "Take the profit out of war". But if Americans would write this slogan into a record of a cause well won, patriotic public opinion must sound at least one more demand: "Take the profit out of preparedness".

The two slogans should blazon the same banner. The people's eagerness for laws to prohibit war-profiteering surges out of a desperately earnest desire to prevent war. The first step—not because it is the biggest step but because it is the one that is within legreach—is to reduce to a minimum the profit incentive. Programs to accomplish this are at present in the hands of lawmakers. The Senate Munitions Committee's "twelve points", and the McSwain bill, would tax away excess profits made in time of war.

Industrialists would thus be discouraged from deliberately leading their country into war just to make a big profit on the huge supply of war materials they might sell. That is, if industrialists ever did any such thing. They would not, however, be discouraged from unwittingly leading their country toward war through their greed for profits from war equipment peddled in peace-time. And there is no "if" about industrialists doing this.

An impressive part of the testimony before the Senate Munitions Committee has concerned sales of armaments to buyers not actually engaged in warfare. Much of the general objection to unrestrained international trade in arms is based on disclosures of the disturbing effects of this trade not only in time of war but at times when peoples and their representatives were striving to establish peace. The Shearer case against Bethlehem Steel Company showed to what lengths arms makers will go to preserve their profits of preparedness. After the naval conference of 1927 broke up, William B. Shearer sued Bethlehem for compensation for his services to

he expected some informal discussions at that time. He will be accompanied by L. D. Wilfress, chief of the Dominion trade commissioners, and L. B. Pearson of the department of external affairs.

Beyond a declaration that the reform projects outlined in the Speech from the Throne would be carried out in every detail, Mr. Bennett did not discuss domestic political affairs.

that firm as "observer" at Geneva. The suit led to revelations that scandalized the country. George Selous, in his study of the munitions racket, quotes from a letter which Mr. Shearer wrote to a Mr. Wakeman early in 1928 this passage:

"Pursuant to our last private conversation and understanding in your office, that future negotiations would be with me direct, I wish to call your attention that as the result of my activities during the Sixty-Ninth Congress eight 10,000-ton cruisers are now under construction.

At another time Mr. Shearer added to his record: "I have advised certain patriotic societies in their campaign against the pacifists". The rest of this agent's efforts in behalf of profitable preparedness were once well known to most Americans though they may be somewhat out of mind at the moment. Not so widely known to Americans are the backgrounds of numerous preparedness campaigns in Europe. But they are on record. And they provide valuable object lessons for all who have never thought of patriotism as possibly connected with profits.

Today the United States is once again preparedness-conscious. The national war chest is approaching a peace-time high mark. And those among whom the war chest will be distributed through purchases of the equipment of preparedness no doubt can figure about what percentage of the total appropriations can be counted on to provide dividends.

Naturally, taxpayers are trying to figure what percentage of the patriotism behind preparedness campaigns is inspired by the prospect of dividends. The profit motive is much more to the front in preparedness than in war. If the aim of anti-war profit plans is to prevent war, it is obvious that they must include measures to take the profit out of preparedness. Christian Science Monitor.

## St. Andrews Getting Ready for Summer

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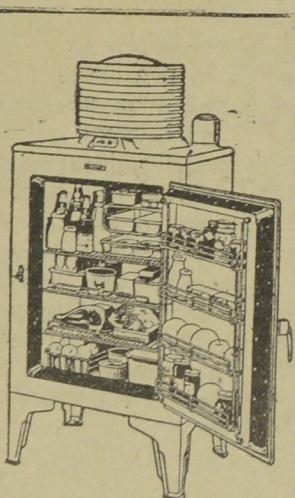
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