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## Big Interests Would Change British North America Act

People of Provinces Are Becoming Aroused Over Attempt to Take Away Rights of Minorities.

The British North America Act is not in need of change. There is talk in high financial circles of having amendments made so that the central government might be given more power and the provinces deprived of certain of their powers. After reading over the British North America Act and the London Agreement it is hard to understand just why changes are advocated. Of course it may be that those advocating changes have not a knowledge of the Confederation agreements or perhaps they have ulterior motives which are at present being kept under cover.

Changes in the British North America Act should not be tolerated. The Act as it stands, along with the London Agreement, form a satisfactory constitution for this Dominion and are just as good today as they were sixty-seven years ago.

Some of those who would have a change say that the men who drew up the British North America Act could not foresee conditions of today. But close observers of the Act find that it does cover conditions of today and provides all the necessary machinery for carrying on good government with proper safeguards made for minorities.

What is really wrong with the Dominion of Canada today is that the terms of the confederation agreement have not been carried out. Big interests, chiefly the money barons, have used their influence to submerge the true terms of the British North America Act and make Canada subject to themselves. When one of the provinces asserts its rights under the agreement then the big interests get to work and through newspapers and other means attempt to show that the province is wrong. Thus the constitution has been ignored and Canada has been governed by the policies laid down by the big interests.

Now the provinces are beginning to assert their rights and the big interests would circumvent them by having the British North America Act changed to suit their purposes.

Sir Henry Drayton is reported as favoring changes in the Act and he affirms that the federal government can have changes made in part of the Act without consulting the provinces. Sir Henry is all wet in this matter and evidently he is getting into that condition sometimes known as senile decay. The Confederation was set up by the provinces and certain powers were designated for the central government. These powers had to do with matters common to all the provinces. The provinces created the Dominion, therefore the provinces must make the changes and not the central government, which after all is only an agency set up by the provinces.

There is claim, too, that the functions of the central government in some cases overlap those designated by the provinces. For instance it is claimed that there is a federal department of agriculture and also one in each province. That is quite true and is absolutely necessary. The federal

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## Weigh Candidates Carefully Before Casting Your Vote

New Brunswick Needs Real Men in Legislature and Parliament.

Election talk is in the air. Government supporters are telling the people what their favorites have accomplished during their term of office and are trying to show why they should be kept in office. Opposition supporters are making a drive to get into office and they endeavor to place the blame for all our troubles on the government. There are those among us who are seeking jobs now held by those of opposite political views.

All our political campaigns seem designed by government supporters to retain office and by opposition supporters to gain power. The opposition campaign seems based on destructive criticism, while the government campaign deals with the covering up of mistakes and criticism of those who offer themselves in opposition.

The great need today is for constructive criticism and constructive action.

If a person is suffering pain which the family doctor is unable to alleviate, it does that person very little good to have another doctor come along and tell him what a poor doctor the family physician is, when what the sufferer is seeking is the cure of his pain.

If the farmers' lands produced no crops because of unfavorable weather or climatic conditions he would hardly blame all his troubles on his hired man.

The last few years have been difficult ones in all countries and some of them are not of our own making. Those who are considered to be wise have been trying to pierce the darkness to find a way out of the difficulties. Many experiments have been tried without much result. Some countries have seethed with revolt, where people have been stampeded by oratory.

We in New Brunswick have been fortunate, not that we could not be much better off than we are, but that we could be much worse off. Now is no time to be stampeded into action that may bring dire results. Today as never

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## THEY RULE IN PETER'S NAME



Two of the three regents who now rule Yugoslavia are Croats, members of the nation charged with assassinating the father of KING PETER II. The regents (left to right): DR. RADEN STANKOVI, a university professor; PRINCE PAUL; and DR. IV PEROVIC, and the boy king are shown above.

## Canada's Banking System Blamed For Drain On East

American Bankers' Association Hear Criticism of Branch Banks---Dominion Loses Population in Spite of Immigration.

The branch banking system of Canada has drained the Eastern Provinces of people and money. This was the opinion expressed by Clarence Axford, editor of the American Banker, at the sixth annual convention of the American Bankers Association held in Washington.

In cracking down on the branch banking system generally, Mr. Axford boasted that the New England states had retained the wealth they had accumulated as the shipping centre of the world and the cotton weaving centre of the United States while Canada had drained its Eastern Provinces of people and money by the branch banking system. New England, he claimed, had added to its wealth and increased its population while Canada had actually lost ground "under the benevolence of branch banking."

"Canada's eastern provinces," said Mr. Axford, "once her most prosperous, have been drained both of people and money through the great Canadian banking systems, which were more interested in financing the development of territory supporting their railroad investments than in conserving the prosperity of the eastern provinces.

"For the country as a whole,

the record of the last two decades to 1931 are interesting:

Three million five hundred thousand immigrants were brought in at heavy subsidies by the government while the population in twenty years showed an increase of only 3,100,000, a net loss of 400,000 people."

## AN INCINERATOR NEEDED

Several weeks ago there was some agitation in Saint John in regard to the construction of an incinerator to destroy garbage and other refuse. So far there has been no action. The cold weather has downed the odors and other menaces of the dumps and City Hall appears lulled to rest on this matter.

Saint John needs some garbage disposal system and now is the time to start action. Garbage can be a menace to the people and many innocent persons might be caused to suffer by improper handling of refuse.

## Stevens Resigns And Causes Talk All Over Canada

Mass Buying Commission Chairman Sees Need of Reform.

The Royal Commission on Mass Buying in Canada has changed heads. No longer is Hon. H. H. Stevens chairman. Neither is Mr. Stevens any longer a member of the cabinet of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett. Mr. Stevens has resigned from both posts and his resignation has been accepted.

But there is murmuring all over the country, for among the people generally there was an idea that Mr. Stevens in his mass buying enquiry had started something which would result in benefit for the rank and file of the people throughout Canada.

Mr. Stevens says his resignation was forced by intolerable conditions. The apology suggested for remarks made in a pamphlet covering one of his speeches would have destroyed his usefulness, he said. "It would have been tantamount to a complete capitulation to those interests whose business practices are in my opinion responsible for untold suffering amongst the agricultural and industrial population of this country," he states.

So there is a break in the federal Conservative ranks, which has been the talk of all Canada with many people condemning the Prime Minister, while they support the stand of Stevens, who is being made a national hero, especially those outside the ring of big business. There are insinuations that the big interests are running the country and that the government has been their mouthpiece.

However, when the proper time comes maybe Mr. Bennett will have the right answer; but just at present he seems to be in a sort of a mess that will take a lot of cleaning.

## Television Soon Accomplished Fact Says Dr. De Forest

Television will soon be an accomplished fact, at least that is the opinion of Dr. Lee De Forest, radio inventor, who says that the problems of television have been definitely solved. Soon, he predicts, television news photographers will be pointing camera-like instruments at championship boxing bouts that will be instantaneously reproduced on the television screens of millions of home.

By this new apparatus it is said approximately 2,000,000 spots of light can be thrown in 200 horizontal lines on a projection screen during a second due to the torsional movement of a specially made rod of fine drawn steel. By this means a clear picture three feet square can be screened.

So Dr. De Forest sees a new era in entertainment and people no longer will need to go to the theatres. He believed that motion picture makers will have to make short two reel subjects especially for television broadcast purposes,