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Mr. Gardiner's Activities

Speaking in Charlottetown last summer, Mr. Bennett denounced the partisan activities of the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. James G. Gardiner, in connection with Western relief administration and intimated that he purposed dealing with this matter fully in Parliament.

Mr. Gardiner, we note, is again in the limelight. It is not by Mr. Bennett this time that attention is drawn to his partisan activities, but by the Toronto Globe and Mail, Independent Liberal. In a leading editorial headed "Party Before Country," the Federal Minister of Agriculture is reprimanded in blunt terms for using his influence to reorganize the Liberal party in Alberta to the exclusion of more important considerations.

As a result, says the Globe and Mail, "a bomb has been thrown in the camp of those who realize that a united opposition is the only hope of rescuing the Province from the present wretched crew. Premier Bennett is a supreme failure as he sees the necessity of defeat. His fortune rises and falls with the partisan group fight."

The Globe and Mail concludes: "If the Liberals persist in splitting the party, they will be the cause of retaining their party identity. They must keep in mind that there is a limit to the patience of an aroused people. The Liberal message is national. A grave mistake is made in refusing to cooperate to accomplish this defeat."

Even within the Liberal party, it appears, Mr. Gardiner is playing a little partisan game of his own. Recently, as head of the Agricultural Department, he authorized publication of a report criticizing Canadian merchandizing methods in Great Britain. Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, on whose department the report is felt to be a reflection, is said to be "bumming in angry silence".

A Big Maritime Industry

Those interested in canning opportunities in this Province should keep an eye on what is going on in our sister province of Nova Scotia. Figures recently compiled by the Markets Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture reveal a truly remarkable growth in apple canning and processing in recent years. In 1937 only two canning factories existed, with a capitalization of \$43,000 and utilizing about 6,500 hours of labor.

The apple canning industry, states the Markets Branch, annually expended approximately half a million dollars in its operations. Other interesting figures in connection with the industry show that this year over 150,000 barrels of apples have been used in canning factories, and that the industry annually uses about 2600 tons of Nova Scotia coal, and about \$128,000 worth of cans.

Where Does He Stand?

Transported by the spirit of jubilation over the Victoria by-election result, Premier King allowed himself to be betrayed into an indiscreet comment which implied an admission which is likely to be used against him with telling effect in future, says the Sydney Post-Record.

The Liberal candidate's success, he said, proved that the people were opposed to "economic imperialism and economic imperialism."

In point of fact the Victoria result proved nothing of the kind, but Mr. King's triumphant declaration leaves no further room for doubt that he himself is against "economic imperialism."

Although Mr. King denounced the Anglo-Canadian agreement and all these pacts, when they came up for ratification by the Dominion Parliament in 1933 his attitude at that time was attributed to the strategy of an Opposition leader and attracted little attention. Last spring, it is also to be remembered, the Anglo-Can-

adian agreement was renewed by the King Ministry for another 3 years, with no change in principle and next to none in detail.

For this reason it was generally believed Mr. King had seen the error of his ways. His renewal of the pact surely meant that he approved of it. Otherwise how could so conscientious and idealistic a Premier bring himself to sign and seal such an instrument on behalf of the people of Canada?

But now it turns out that Mr. King is opposed to "economic imperialism" and rejoices in the Victoria verdict as a declaration against that heretical and spurious brand of patriotism. And of course it also turns out, as a corollary so to speak, that he signed last spring a 3-year renewal of the Bennett pact between Canada and Britain, with full knowledge and realization of its vicious and disreputable character!

Editorial Notes

First successful aeroplane flight (Wright's) this date, 1903.

The stores must be doing a roaring trade for they have been crowded the past few days.

It must feel great to be a native of Chelton this time of storm and stress and free publicity.

All the world depends on Britain these days, for all the world has confidence in her industry.

Yesterday the grave closed over the mortal remains of Mr. T. B. Grady, one of the best Railway Superintendents P. E. I. has ever had. He knew his job, knew his men, and knew how to handle Moncton, and the powers-that-be at Montreal. There was no pussyfooting with Tom Grady — it was yea, or nay, and amen.

The great bulk of the average retail hardwareman's customers have more money to spend now than they had a year ago, says "Hardware and Metal", and this will help to maintain a fair increase in the volume of business. This is particularly so in rural territories, and while farmers are not very heavy buyers of hardware during the winter months, the improved financial position of the farmer should be reflected in greatly increased sales next spring.

A 9 o'clock curfew for every community in Massachusetts is proposed in a bill filed by Representative Francis X. Coyne of Dorchester. Children under 17 years of age found on the streets after that hour would be warned by the police and their parents notified on the first offense. For a second offense the parents would be taken into court and warned and for third and subsequent offenses would be liable to fines of \$5.

Having won a by-election with a Fusion candidate, the Opposition to Aberhart in Alberta has collapsed, due to the decision of Federal Liberals at Ottawa to withdraw from further coalitions. Hon. James G. Gardiner in conference with provincial Liberals, let it be known that Ottawa wanted a reorganization of Provincial Liberals with a view to a Federal election, therefore there must be no longer participation in any "union" party.

A definite reply to Dr. Malan's suggestion, recently published by cable, that South-West Africa should be returned to Germany was given by Colonel Deney's Reitz, Minister of Agriculture, when he addressed a meeting in Pietersburg, Transvaal. "No one has any business to make such suggestions about South-West Africa" said Colonel Reitz. "South-West Africa is ours. It belongs to the Union of South Africa and it will remain in our possession. It is best that there should be no misapprehension about that. South-West Africa is just as much portion of the Union as this Pietersburg district is a portion. It belonged to us originally and will now continue to be."

By making loans to manufacturers and farmers, banks facilitate the flow of commodities and services into profitable channels where, by the combined application of capital and labor, products are produced in excess of the value of their original components. Mr. B. A. Gardner, assistant general manager of the Bank of Montreal, told members of the Rotary Club. Dealing with some aspects of banking, Mr. Gardner said that the old idea that a loan was a favor had disappeared. "A loan is a business transaction acceptable to both borrower and lender," said Mr. Gardner. "If it is not that, it is usually better avoided."

NOTES BY THE WAY

In the course of an unsavory case for damages for alleged breach of promise in the King's Bench Division, London, when the plaintiff appeared to be in tears, Mr. Justice Charles interposed with: "She is not crying at all. She is only feigning to cry. I have watched her very closely. It doesn't affect me at all." As the jury threw the case out, it is evident that justice in England cannot be swayed by false tears or other theatricals, and concerns itself only with the facts as attested by witnesses. —Montreal Gazette.

The Chief Whip of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly recently entertained a large number of friends, including the leader, the deputy leader and other members, to a cocktail party. Lobby circles the next day made comments freely. Some non-Congress members, using the language of the late Pandit Motilal Nehru, remarked that the Congressmen had drunk "to the health of dry India." Others regretted the "inappropriateness of the party on the eve of Congress Ministers embarking on prohibition in the provinces." —Times of India.

From 1930 to 1934 alien departures from the United States exceeded arrivals by 35,000. Of a total white population of 95 millions in 1930, 39 millions were of British origin; 15 millions German; 11 millions Irish; three millions French, and the rest drawn from every other country in the world. While America was expanding this caused little trouble, but when it was fairly filled up racial prejudices and conflicting outlooks on life began to be felt. America for the Americans is now not only a political but also a social and racial dogma of the United States Government. —Irish Independent.

In 1914 Germany had not only Alsace-Lorraine which she had taken in war, but also sufficient lands abroad to ensure her dignity as an Imperial Power. True, she had made so little use of her African colonies that only 22,000 of her people ever lived in them. But nobody wanted to take them away from her. Germany lost them by invading France starting a war in which she was defeated. That loss was a very small price to pay for the woe she brought to the world. It is only recently that Germany has discovered this hunger for colonies. It is an invented grievance devised by the Nazi Government for the purpose of persuading the German people that they are worse off than they are, and that their troubles are due not to Dictatorship, but to the greed of their neighbours. —London Sunday Chronicle.

To strangers within her gates France now gives the impression of the utmost internal strength. A few years ago it seemed as though the Chamber, unable to produce a coherent Left-wing majority, was obstructing the popular demand for social reform. Since the formation of the Front Populaire, however, republican institutions have shown themselves capable of meeting the new needs, and the present coalition is probably the strongest formed since Pomarc's time. There has been some reaction from the bolstered confidence of eighteen months ago, and, as is their habit, French politicians have not been too tactful in their references to their allies of the moment. The oscillations of the franc have also given the public cause for misgiving. But when all qualifications have been made the internal condition of France is firm and self-assured, and there is not enough discontent to overthrow a cabinet, much less overturn the regime. —Truth (London).

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that we should continue the process of selling the weak countries to the strong. Amongst other objections to this policy of keeping off woves by throwing babies to them is that they grow fatter and stronger on the babies and the supply of babies looks like giving out. In any case, it seems unnecessary to agree to this policy. We might at least first try an offer of some of those economic concessions which could be granted without shame and even with mutual advantage. — The Statesman and Nation (London).

Do not plan for a slump, plan for a continuance of prosperity. Some businesses and enterprises are he'd up now because rearmament will slacken some day. Have the blue-prints ready for that day. Lloyd's say that when rearmament is over, the shippards will be as busy as they are now. The nations will need ships. So will the folk of this nation require houses, factories, machines and everything else that makes life possible. So plan to provide them now. — London Daily Mail.

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Like those who cried Diana great:
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I talk of. Surely, after all,
The noblest answer unto such
Is perfect stillness when they brawl.
—Tennyson.

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