

## Canadian Responsibility For West Indies is Urged

Definite Suggestion Advanced by Viscount Willington

### ISLANDS EXPRESS GRATITUDE

Toronto. — The definite suggestion that Canada "take over the responsibility for the future of the British West Indies from the British Government," was made by the Governor-General, Viscount Willington, in an address to 1,000 members of the Empire Club at a recent luncheon in the Royal York at which His Excellency was made honorary life member of the club.

"The West Indies," said the Governor-General, are looking to Canada and not to the British Government for encouragement for the future. Would it not be a fine thing if Canada could take over the responsibility for the future of the British West Indies from the British Government?"

West Indians had the feeling that they were the Cinderella of the British Empire, but today they have a feeling of enormous gratitude to the Canadian Government for the passing of the trade treaty a few years ago and the establishment of the excellent service of ships which has brought them back into the world again and given new hope for the future.

#### "Equal Partners"

Dealing with the development of the new status of the Dominions, His Excellency described the position of the self-governing nations of the Empire as "equal partners in the working out of the destiny of the Empire."

"I believe," he said, "that we shall find that trust begets trust and confidence begets confidence. Loose as is the partnership of these partners, we shall find that we have a strong foundation in the sentimental loyalty which we all feel to the person of His Majesty King George."

There were limitations to what a Governor-General could say, he continued. He would like to speak of India, China, the naval conference, and various other vital matters, and if he were Prime Minister instead of Governor-General perhaps he would give the club the "straight tip" on the general election date, he added facetiously.

Discussing the change in the countries of the Empire from colonial to Dominion status, equal partners now in working out the Empire's destiny, Viscount Willington said some feared this development would result in the Empire's disruption; but speaking from the bottom of his heart, with trust begetting trust, and confidence begetting confidence, he could foresee nothing but a closer growing together of the partnership with co-operation growing firmer.

From a personal acquaintance with Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, Lord Willington said he did not think there need be any anxiety about the "adventure" of Gandhi for complete independence. Gandhi had tried the same thing when Lord Willington was Governor of Madras, several years ago.

The British Government had pledged itself to hand over the machinery of Government to India when its people were fitted for self-government. Meanwhile, Gandhi's followers were in a great minority, and an overwhelming majority of the Indian population, the Indian princes and the moderates and thoughtful people, were "thoroughly disapproved of Gandhi's adventure" would in the future, as in the past, remain loyal to the British Crown.

Discussing his recent trip to the West Indies, Lord Willington said he found those islands regarded themselves as cinderellas of the Empire which had been neglected in the past. He was inclined to think it was partly true. He said he heard there "an enormous feeling of gratitude to the Canadian Government for concluding a trade treaty with the West Indies. He said these developments had brought the islands back to the fold and given them hope for the future."

Likely to be a profitable part of the Empire, Lord Willington said the West Indies had lived individually in the past and looked forward to co-operation in the future. He thought it would be a good thing if Canada took over some of the responsibilities of that part of the Empire now resting on the shoulders of Great Britain, stating West Indians' eyes were focussed on Canada for support in building up their economic future.

He foresaw in the future of the Empire a great influence for enduring peace throughout the civilized world, in which Canada would play a big part. He urged the teaching of the doctrines of peace, friendship and goodwill to the youth of the land, so that the sacrifices and tragedies of the war would not have been altogether in vain.

#### Enduring Bonds

Regardless of what statesmen may do, the Premier said the permanence of the Empire was guaranteed by enduring bonds—ties of blood, a wealth of tradition—common ideals and aspirations, and the value of the privilege of British citizenship, with all that entailed. But the Empire's component parts must be welded more closely together if the Empire was to profit by the changes of recent years and maintain its influence in world affairs.

Whether anybody agreed or not with Lord Beaverbrook's Empire free trade estimate, he was proud to think a

Canadian born subject had focussed the attention of the homeland on this matter by taking all the risks of launching a new idea by exposing the leadership of a movement "somewhat radical" towards the cause of Empire economic unity. He hoped the business men of the Empire would discuss this important problem, which would help the Empire to a degree never before attained. He also was proud to know that Canadian Chambers of Commerce had established a business men's committee to go this year to the Empire Conference at London, where the committee would see if business men of other parts of the Empire were prepared to discuss with the committee the matter of Empire co-operation calmly and deliberately in a spirit of co-operation.

#### Premier's View

Ottawa. — Lord Willington, as I am advised, did not suggest that Canada should take over the responsibility from the Mother Country for the future of the British West Indies," said Premier King regarding the Governor-General's reference to the matter at the Empire Club in Toronto.

"What His Excellency had in mind, I think, was the thought that it might be a good thing if some day this would come about. He meant it to be a compliment to Canada; that is all, as I understand it."

#### Not Contemplated

The Prime Minister seemed to entertain no idea that any such departure as a matter of policy has been suggested or is contemplated.

#### Purply Personal

Toronto. — Views expressed by Viscount Willington in his address at the Empire Club that "it would be a fine thing if Canada could take over the responsibility of assisting the West Indies in the many heavy responsibilities which now fall upon the British Government," were His Excellency's personal views and not those of any other Government or the Governor of any colony, Eric Mervill, private secretary to Viscount Willington, said in an interview.

"His Excellency has no desire to expand on the remarks he made regarding the West Indies before the Empire Club, but I may say they were entirely his personal views," said Mr. Mervill. "His Excellency's remarks in reference to the acceptance by Canada of responsibility for the future of the West Indies reflected a sentiment expressed in certain quarters in the West Indies."



PROMINENT DOCTOR

Dr. G. W. Clendenen, shown in the photograph here, is a well-known Toronto surgeon.

### 240,000 Canadians Reported Jobless

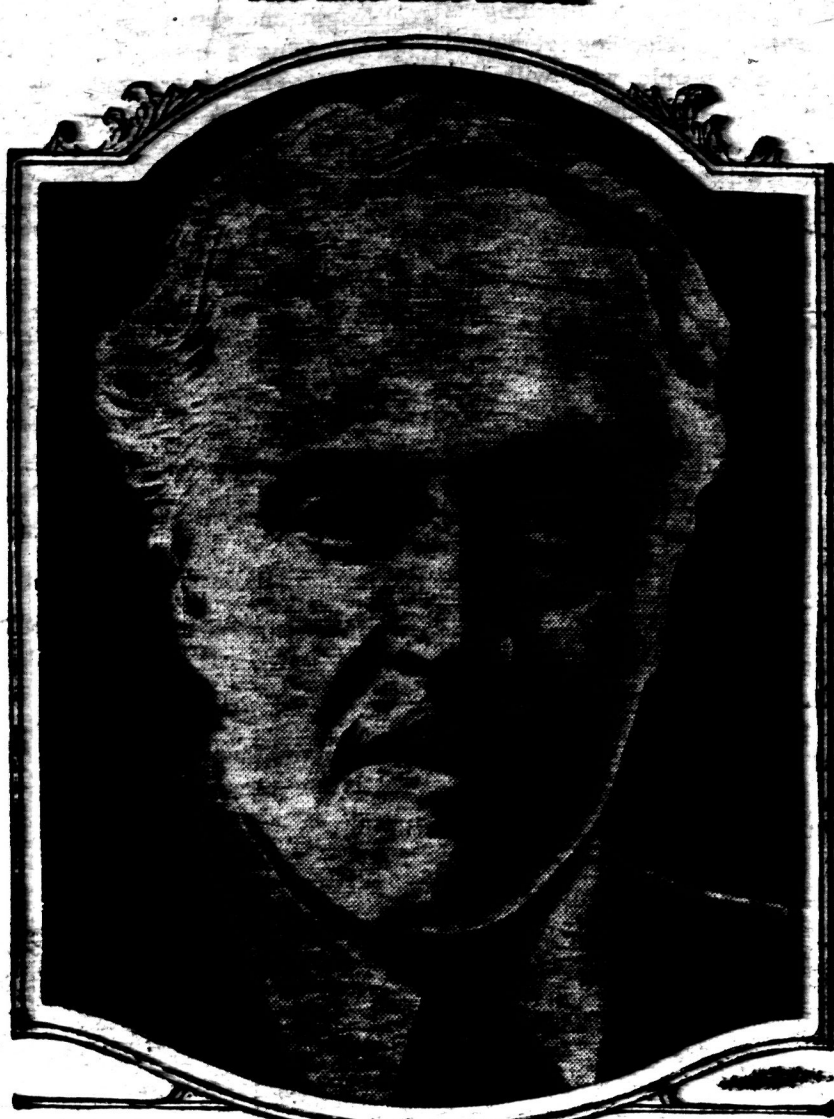
Toronto, Ont. — When the present wheat supply is released adding to the volume of freight carried by the railways as well as the purchasing power of the farmers, unemployment in Canada will be greatly relieved. This was the opinion of Dr. H. M. Cassidy, assistant professor in the department of social science, University of Toronto, given during an address before the Neighborhood Workers' Association.

Dr. Cassidy suggested the regularization of employment through business itself, and the intervention of the Government through some form of unemployment insurance to solve the problem. He estimated the number of unemployed during January and February of this year at 240,000 men.

### Government Philanthropy

A new portfolio in the Government of Ontario is announced as likely to be established. "The Minister who will be in charge of it will be responsible for 'Provincial Welfare,'" and Premier Ferguson is said to intend to go outside the circle of his immediate political associates for the man he wants. The idea is to put under him the administration of all welfare activities, hospitals, training schools, social service institutions, old-age pensions, mothers' allowance

### The Late Earl Balfour



For whom an Empire mourned and the civilized world paid eulogies.

### Mail Robber Fears Reprisals Is Moved to West

#### Afraid of Taking His Chances with the Men He Double Crossed

Toronto. — The man who, according to police, planned the scheme for the \$300,000 mail car robbery at the Toronto Union Station back in June, 1928, Findley McLeod, 37, a frail-looking chap who feared to go to Kingston penitentiary, has been removed from Toronto by sheriff's officers to Stony Mountain prison, a few miles outside Winnipeg.

He is under a fifteen-year sentence for his part in the crime and it was on his evidence Toronto police and postal authorities were enabled to follow up the lead which eventually brought every crook in the crime to justice, with the lone exception of Bill Boven, American gunman, still at large.

Fearful that he might meet some ugly fate if one of his former companions in the robbery should meet him at Kingston, McLeod sought the aid of the authorities to keep from going to that institution. He had previously served a five-year term here, starting in April, 1923, for stealing \$100,000 worth of bonds from the mails when he was working as a truck driver for the Toronto post office.

When he walked into the police trap set around him at West Toronto in July, 1928, after meeting Everett McKibbin, Detroit barber and gunman who sought more money for his part in the robbery, McLeod "opened up" and talked freely of the whole affair. He named every man that planned with him and participated in the robbery.

McKibbin, Rae Boven, John Sullivan, alias Brown, all went away to Kingston for ten to fifteen years. Later Sullivan was transferred to Stony Mountain prison.

McLeod was kept in Toronto jail since he was given sentence in November of 1928. It was said that the police held him here, through arrangements.

### Germany Will Build Memorial On Spot Where Erzberger Fell

Bad Griesbach, Germany. — Plans are being made here for a memorial chapel over the place where Matthias Erzberger, Germany's first President, was assassinated by political opponents. A simple white cross now marks the spot.



Jean Cocks, fifteen-year-old Australian swimmer, who will represent her land in British Empire athletic meet in Hamilton, Ont., this summer.

"Man was born to sorrow," when he gets too old to fall in love he gets out," Lord Besset.

### Ontario Crippled By Violent Storm

#### Rising Rivers and Streams Threaten to Overflow Banks

Toronto. — One of the most violent of March storms struck Southern and Central Ontario leaving behind a trail of shattered communication system, several inches of slushy snow and rising rivers and streams threatening to overflow their banks.

An electrical storm following on the heels of an all-day snow storm brought about conditions decidedly treacherous on city streets and highways. Telephone poles soon became encased in a coating of ice and crashed to the ground, unable to withstand the combined assault of ice and gale.

Volunteer policemen were patrolling the streets of Grimsby and all the town's firemen were standing by ready for emergency. As a result of the storm only a remaining wall is protecting the town's pump-houses from ice-floes being dashed against the shore by waves 50 and 60 feet high. An old pier and a steamer ticket office were crushed and carried away. Trees that have stood the storms of decades were uprooted and swept away and many of landmarks have been levelled.

To add to the confusion, ice-laden power wires snapped, leaving the town in darkness. At Hamilton the same handicap prevailed and street cars were stranded throughout the city and pedestrians forced to face the storm and walk to their homes.

From Fruitland to Vineland, buses, transport trucks and automobiles were stalled, standing hub deep in freezing snow and sleet. Traffic over highway No. 8 has been completely abandoned.

So far fruit trees in the Niagara peninsula have escaped serious damage, orchard growers sail after taking a brief survey. The continued ice storm may take heavy toll before the morning, however.

At Toronto a woman and her two children were carried from their Lake front home when flood waters from Lake Ontario threatened to flood their residence. Firemen were forced to wade through two feet of water to effect the rescue. Homes all along the lake front are threatened as mighty waves wash far up on the shore, propelled by a furious south-west wind.

### Duty on Blueberries Hits Newfoundland

#### U.S. Tariff Threatens to Hurt Industry

St. John's, Nfld. — Information that the United States Senate Tariff Commission has accepted the amendment proposed by Senator Hale of Maine to impose a duty of \$1.20 per box on blueberries shipped from Newfoundland has brought dismay to those engaged in the local industry. With assurance that the tariff of 37½ cents per box would remain unchanged, plans had been made to develop the industry considerably this season and to pay the pickers 25 cents per gallon.

The announcement threatens to make the business unprofitable for both exporters and producers alike unless some modification can be effected. The business has grown since 1927 from an export of 65,004 to 556,547 gallons in 1928, with earnings to the pickers last year of over \$120,000.

#### Silks Spruce Used in Planes

Silks spruce on the Pacific Coast of Canada with its light weight combination of strength, is used universal in airplane manufacture.

### Smoking Blow Dealt Against Narcotic Kings

#### Police Score Decisively in Ridding Underworld of Ne- farious Traffic in Montreal

How Montreal's police department through its constant combing of the underworld haunts has dealt a smashing blow at drug traffickers operating from points across the international boundary, is evidenced in court records during the past few days.

Those who distributed their nefarious wares among the habitués of the city's dark corners are now plying their trade elsewhere, knowing only too well that they are marked men and are safer outside the limits of this metropolis.

While it cannot be denied that there are undoubtedly a few who manage to import dope, the death knell has been sounded on the huge rings which a few years ago found Montreal a lucrative spot for the distribution of their supplies.

During the past few days, some for the occasional prosecution, court cases against dopers and those who sell the drugs, have been exceptionally few, indicating the results achieved by the head of the police department in stamping out the traffic.

Flying squads of police, every ready to speed to a spot where any suspicious character may have been seen, have done yeoman service in eradicating from the city what has been termed as the worst pest in the underworld.

Severe penalties in the form of stiff fines and jail sentences have also served to play their part in making Montreal an unhealthy spot for the drug peddler.

Heads of these nefarious organizations have been quick to realize the warning of the police chief to "get out and stay out," and court records show that Montreal can boast of having fewer drug cases than any other city in size.

Reports from across the border that this city was the centre of a giant international drug ring were without foundation, for court records alone can indicate the trend in drug-traffic here. There has been a marked decline in the number of prosecutions, and from this fact alone one conclusion can be drawn and that is, less drugs are finding sales in Montreal and consequently, fewer persons are being picked up for using them.

The drug traffic was always a cancer sore in underworld circles, but during the past few weeks it has been eradicated so rapidly that it is quite usual for two or three days to elapse without any drug cases being before the courts.



MARTYR TO SCIENCE

Dr. Frederick H. Baetjer, internationally known roentgenologist, now in Baltimore, Md., hospital, again victim of his work in X-rays, which has cost him, so far, most of his fingers and loss of one eye.

### Canadian Railways' Revenue Decreases

Toronto, Ont. — Due to reduced tonnage through lighter grain movements the revenue of the Canadian railways shows a decided decrease in 1929, according to a statement made by T. A. Cramer, Minister of Railways.

Railway operating revenues show a reduction of \$15,529,949 over the revenues of 1928. The net revenue from railway operations last year was \$45,062,080. The ratio of operating expenses to revenue was 82.66 per cent, as compared with 78.89 per cent in the previous year. The government-owned railway, the Canadian National, spent \$46,868,217 in 1929 on maintenance of way and structures and \$48,460,840 on maintenance of equipment.

### More Radio Stations To Aid Fire-Fighting

Toronto, Ont. — The bush fire menace of northern Ontario is to be combated this year by the establishment of 10 additional continuous wave radio stations. This will make a total of 23 stations under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Forestry Branch.

These have an arrangement with the Canadian National Telegraphs which insures that messages arriving will be relayed by telegraph. Considerable revenue is expected from the transmission of private messages.

### Premier Ferguson Rebukes Godfrey

#### Ontario Minister of Health Criticized By His Chief

Toronto. — From the floor of the Ontario Legislature, Premier G. H. Ferguson delivered a rebuke to Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, for his action in sending a postscript to a letter dealing with an application for mothers' allowance. The postscript advised J. M. Allen of Long Branch to see Mrs. Callaghan, who made the application for an allowance and endeavor to get her support for the last election. Mrs. Callaghan was a constituent of the Minister of Health.

W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., Liberal leader, brought the letter to the attention of the House a week ago, charging Hon. Dr. Godfrey with abuse of his official position.

There was a dead silence as Premier Ferguson rose in his place. "Speaking for myself and for the Government," he said, "the incident not only was regrettable, it was inexcusable and improper. It may be said that in a moment of indiscretion, without thought, the letter was written. There it is: It is something for the public to interpret. This Government has been exceedingly jealous of its good name and it is determined to maintain the confidence of the public so far as the integrity and propriety of its actions are concerned."

The Premier admitted that he could understand the minister in a thoughtful moment, writing such an appeal, but "even then it is something that is inexcusable and something that the public cannot condone."

Hon. Dr. Godfrey, the Premier said, had achieved much while in office. He had been indefatigable and had done much to elevate living conditions both for young and old, in Ontario.

"I will not resign," was all the comment Hon. Dr. Godfrey would make after the incident. When the House rose, a group of newspaper correspondents surrounded him, but the Minister of Health refused to say anything further except to repeat the above single sentence.

When the Premier opened his condemnatory statement, Hon. Dr. Godfrey sat bolt upright in his seat, but when the full meaning of the rebuke struck him, he slumped down and held his head between his hands.

### The Markets

#### PROVISION PRICES

Toronto wholesale dealers are quoting the following prices to the trade: Smoked meats—Hams, med., 28 to 35c; cooked hams, 48 to 52c; smoked rolls, 28c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 40c; backs, pea-meats, 31c; do, smoked, 46 to 55c.

Pork loins, 30c; shoulders, 21c; butts, 25c; hams, 35c. Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., 24c; 10 to 90 lbs., 22c; 90 to 110 lbs., 21c. Heavyweight rolls, 40c; lightweight rolls, 25c. Lard—Pure, tallow, 15c; tubs, 16c; pails, 17c; prints, 17 to 17½c. Shortening—Tubs, 13c; tubs, 15½c; pails, 14c.

#### PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

Toronto wholesale dealers are buying produce at the following prices: Eggs—Ungraded, cases returned, fresh extras, 25c; fresh returns, 26c; seconds, 22c.

Butter—No. 1, creamery, solids, 33½ to 34c; No. 2, 32½ to 33c. Churning cream—Special, 38c; No. 1, 37c; No. 2, 36c.

Cheese—No. 1, large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 20½ to 20¾c.

#### RETAIL SEED PRICES

Retail seed dealers in Toronto are quoting the following prices for clover and grass seeds:

Red clover, Can., No. 1, 20 to 23c per pound; No. 2, 15 to 20c; mammoth red clover, No. 1, 28c; No. 2, 25c; alsike, No. 1, 18 to 20c; No. 2, 17c. Timothy, No. 1, 11 to 11½c; No. 2, 9 to 10c; alfalfa, Ontario variegated, No. 1, 55 to 60c; No. 2, 50 to 55c; sweet clover, white, No. 1, 1, 8 to 10c; No. 2, 6 to 8c. Timothy and alsike mixture, No. 2, 11 to 12c.

#### LIVESTOCK

Heavy beef steers, \$10 to \$11; butcher steers, choice, \$10.50 to \$11; do, fair to good, \$9.50 to \$10; do, comm., \$9 to \$9.25; butcher heifers, choice, \$10 to \$10.50; do, fair to good, \$9.50 to \$9.75; do, comm., \$9 to \$9.25; butcher cows, good to choice, \$8 to \$8.50; do, med., \$6.50 to \$7; canners and cutters, \$4 to \$5.25; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8.25; do, med., \$7 to \$7.25; do, bolones, \$6.50 to \$6.75; baby beef, \$9.50 to \$13.50; feeders, good, \$8.75 to \$9.50; stockers, good, \$8.25 to \$8.75; do, fair, \$7.50 to \$8; calves, good to choice, \$13 to \$14; do, med., \$10 to \$12.50; do, grassers, \$7 to \$7.50; springers, \$100 to \$110; milkers, \$75 to \$90; lambs, No. 1, 1, 8 to 10c; No. 2, 6 to 8c. Sheep, choice, \$8 to \$9; hogs, bacon, w.o.c., \$13.50; do, select, \$1 per hog premium; do, butchers, 75c per hog discount; do, trucked in, 50c cwt. under w.o.c.; do, f.o.b. price, \$1.25 cwt. under w.o.c.

### Ontarians Deplore Flower Destruction

Toronto, Ont. — A request has been made by the St. Thomas Horticultural Society to the Department of Highways requesting that department to aid in preventing the destruction of wild flowers and shrubs on the provincial highways by motor tourists.

It was pointed out that Ontario possesses the finest wild flowers of any country in the world, and every year large numbers of the best are ruthlessly pulled out by the rage or trampled upon by motor tourists.