

British West Indies Good Field For Canada

Harry J. Crowe, who is the foremost advocate of political and commercial union between Canada and the British West Indies, replying to a question whether he considered the present Canadian-West Indian trade agreement was achieving the desired results, had this to say:

"It may be a step in the right direction, but we seem to have evidence that this commercial treaty is not accomplishing all that could be desired, by the fact that our steamers are now running half empty through the British West Indies, at a great loss to the Canadian Government; and also by the continued hold on the major portion of the West Indian trade by the United States."

"Are you still of the opinion which you gave The Mail and Empire in an article about three years ago, that political union is the only solution for bringing about permanent and satisfactory commercial relations between these countries?"

"I venture to say that Canadian capital would flow more freely into the British West Indies, and these islands would get a better steamship service if they became southern provinces of this Dominion. A temporary trade agreement will never secure for Canada, or take away from the United States, the control of this market of two million British consumers. Moreover, the Governments of the West Indies, I believe, are not very happy over losing their revenue, which they get, in part, from the 50 per cent. preference on Canadian goods. The British West Indies, I think, would enter much more enthusiastically into any such preference if the revenue and expenditures were all pooled at Ottawa, and the Federal Government assumed any deficit caused by the free entry of Canadian goods in the way that is now done with our Canadian Provinces."

Continuing, Mr. Crowe emphatically declared that political and commercial union, rather than one of commerce only, is the one and only

DEPARTMENT WELL MANAGED Hon. Dr. Beland's Statement Furnish ed Pleasant Surprise to the House.

Ottawa.—Estimates of the department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment went through the House with little opposition, although discussion covered a wide range. One remarkable fact was brought to light. Reviewing its work, Hon. Dr. Beland, Minister in charge of the department, informed the House that out of \$600,000 to vocational graduates, there was approximately \$250,000 outstanding and nothing overdue. The announcement sent a buzz of pleased surprise round the House.

"That is a remarkable statement," commented W. A. Boys, Chief Conservative Whip. "I don't believe," he added, "that there is any class in the community—business men, professional or otherwise—that could make such a showing." The intimation that nothing was overdue, contrasted Mr. Boys, was "so remarkable and so delightful" that he would like to be sure of it.

"My information," repeated Dr. Beland, "is that there is nothing overdue."

Reduction in the vote for unemployment relief for disabled ex-service men brought a protest from T. L. Church, of North Toronto. He complained that suffering was acute in Toronto and that many soldier families were unable to pull through. Mr. Church also made a special plea for the blinded soldiers and for "decent burial" of the indigent veteran.

All votes for the department, totalling \$35,200 for salaries and contingencies and \$12,802,000 for administration, were passed.

MAN ON NOVA SCOTIA NURSERY STOCK

Halifax.—Resolutions restricting the movement of nursery stock in certain areas of Nova Scotia on account of the apple scab have been passed by the Government.

The quarantined area covers the counties of Colchester, Cumberland, Hants, Halifax, Kings and Lunenburg. No nursery stock may be moved from any point outside unless it is accompanied by a certificate of inspection.

Regulations have also been passed to prevent the introduction into Canada of the Japanese beetle.

As To Newfoundland

"Is there any sentiment in Newfoundland in favor of Confederation with Canada?"

"I believe this triangular union may receive favorable consideration from the fishermen in Newfoundland, who are the backbone of their Dominion. At present they do not share in Canada's preference of 50 per cent on their fish in the West Indian market, and they do not have any regular steamship connection there. Confederation with Canada and the West Indies would give Newfoundland fish free entry and regular and frequent steamship service into this market, which is capable of large development. Steamers on the Canadian West Indian route could call at a port in Newfoundland and from the B. W. I. and Newfoundland would greatly reduce her cost of living, over which there is a strong agitation now going on there, by receiving free of duty, at a minimum rate of freight, the products of Canada and the West Indies. By this union the taxpayers of Newfoundland would save from one to two million dollars annually by substituting the Canadian tariff for the present Newfoundland tariff. Canada's great resources, large markets, and retaliatory power, could secure for Newfoundland, as well as the West Indies, concessions in foreign markets for their products which they may not be able to obtain by acting independently and alone.

1068 ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES

And of This Number Nine Were Fatal, According to Inspector Ring's Annual Report.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Premier, laid on the table of the House Tuesday, the annual report of the Factories Inspector for the year ending September 30th, 1927. The number of accidents reported during the year by Inspector Ring was 1068, of which 9 were fatal. There was a reduction of 258 in favor of the past year. The report concludes with a most interesting account of the provisions made by the Cosmos Cotton Company of Yarmouth for the comfort, care, treatment and general health of their five hundred employees. Mr. Armstrong spoke at considerable length on this phase of the report, recommending it as a very excellent text for employers all over the country who had the interests of the employees at heart. The Cosmos Company even provides a very generous life insurance scheme, sickness and accident insurance, medical service, canteen, boarding house and co-operative store, which Mr. Armstrong said was one of the most successful in the Province.—Chronicle.

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Wille U. Ivan Whynot spent last Sunday with their aged grandfather at Lake Pleasant.
Harvey Slaunwhite was called to New Canada on account of the severe illness of his aged father.
Harold Mason closed his mill down on Wednesday for a few days.
Lawson Joudrey, who is suffering from an abscess on his leg, is under Dr. Cole's care.
Percy McNay was a guest at the home of H. Whynot on Thursday.
Dimoch Starmatt is very poorly again this week.
Harold Mason is making a business trip to points in the Valley.
Wilbert Wagner made a business trip to New Germany.

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