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*Toronto Globe April 10/30*TRAILING ALONG, AS USUAL.

The Montreal-owned Mail and Empire professes to be so deeply concerned about unemployment that it continues to rave in indignation because The Globe urges that the question be removed from politics and be handled on the proper basis—for this is the position The Globe has taken. It stated that Premier King's declaration that he would not give a five-cent piece to any Conservative Government could be excused on no other ground than that the Conservative Opposition was playing politics with the issue—no better evidence of which is needed than the Mail and Empire's editorial columns. The Conservative organ says "the exclamation of 'Shame' burst from many members of the House." According to Hansard, these many members were exactly two—Messrs. Bennett and Stevens. But, apart from this, it is clear to any one who knows the Mail and Empire and has observed how it flops from one side to another, as it did in connection with liquor clearances, that the Conservative Opposition is trying to make a political issue out of unemployment. Otherwise the Mail and Empire would not be doing it.

But if the Conservative organ feels the irresistible urge to place the onus on some Government, why not go where the problem belongs—to the Provincial Government? It is in an excellent position to do so from its double vantage point, in Montreal and Toronto, to explain to Messrs. Ferguson and Taschereau that the British North America Act is definite in the allocation of responsibilities. This it should do, and would do if it were honest in its protestations that it is solely a Governmental question. But, of course, it would not then be following the trail made for the time being by its mentors at Ottawa.

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