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subject. I find that the work of that commission has been very costly, and it is no good.

What I warn every one against is the financial coup that is being prepared in the dark to give an opportunity to the few to enrich themselves at the expense of the many, including the taxpayers of the province of Quebec. And it is all done in the holy name of patriotism. It is a good example of national unity when the whip of Ontario shakes hands with the member who is now speaking from the province of Quebec.

I wish to congratulate the government upon something that appears in the official report of the dominion-provincial conference. I call attention to pages XIV and 67. One evening I was listening to the broadcast over station CBL, Toronto, when I heard the last sentences of the speaker, Professor J. A. Corry of Queen's university, who said: "We should not have nine small countries; we should have one great country." He was embarrassed and he said it in an undertone. The announcer then stated that those who wanted a copy of Professor Corry's talk might write to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Toronto, and they would receive it. I applied for a copy but never got it. Instead, I received the following letter:

In reply refer to file No. 18-13R-22

55 York Street,
Toronto, Ontario,
January 14, 1941.

Mr. J. F. Pouliot, M.P.,

I beg your pardon; the name appears as J. F. Pontiot.

Mr. J. F. Pontiot, M.P.,
Box 414,
Rivière-du-Loup, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Pontiot:

We regret the delay in replying to your card of December 21. The substance of the interview which you heard on the Rowell-Sirois report is contained in a ten cent pamphlet, "Confederation Marches On" by Mr. R. M. Fowler.

A complete summary of the whole report is contained in two volumes (40c. each) published by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

All of these can be obtained from any bookstore.

Yours faithfully,

C. R. Delafield,
Programme Division.

I did not know that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation carried advertisements for any bookstore.

A big paper, *L'Action Catholique*, published in the province of Quebec, carried three articles of mine, the conclusion of one of which was as follows. I will translate it.

[Mr. Pouliot.]

About fifteen days ago I heard over station CBL, Toronto, Doctor J. A. Corry, a professor at Queen's university, declare: "We shall not have nine small countries, we shall have but one great country in Canada." The announcer informed the audience that they could get copies of the talk by writing to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. I did so but am still waiting for the pamphlet. I feel indignant at the idea that this crank has been appointed secretary of one of the special committees of the conference which opens on Tuesday next in Ottawa and which will examine the recommendations of the commission for the purpose of discussing the commission's findings upon markets and marketing, fisheries, insurance, company regulations, economy in administration, research and statistics, conferences between the dominion and the provinces, transportation, interprovincial trade barriers, et cetera.

Such a lack of tact justifies his immediate dismissal if he was not the loud speaker of the government.

What delights me is that although this article was written only three days before the opening of the conference I find that, as set out on page 67 of the report of the conference, the secretary of the special problems committee was Mr. J. F. MacNeill of the Department of Justice. I commend the government for having dismissed the other gentleman in view of his want of tact. This is one thing, but Corry was speaking. Was he not speaking for the chancellor of Queen's university, Mr. Dunning, who is interested in several insurance companies, and who wanted to make a case for the adoption of this Sirois report in order that his companies might have an opportunity to make some money?

I will go further and draw the attention of the committee to Mr. Fowler, the young man who was discharged by Mr. Hepburn. He was one of the lawyers employed by the department of the attorney general in Toronto. In what office is he now? He is in the office of Leighton McCarthy, K.C., of Toronto. Who is Leighton McCarthy? He is an insurance man. He is a lawyer but he is also chairman of the board of the Canada Life Insurance company, and is a member of the boards of numerous other insurance companies.

Let us consider the Dominion of Canada General Insurance company. The total assets of this company are \$264,000,000 and it holds \$124,728,841 in government and municipal bonds. No doubt these holdings include many bonds and debentures of the prairie provinces. This company will benefit greatly if they are able to secure dominion government guarantees for these bonds. Then there is the