

Present Poor Time for Restoration of:

It is rather a melancholy reflection that in this time of dire distress, the Administration at Ottawa has no more useful employment than to concern itself with these trinkets.

It is rather unfortunate that this titles business should become an issue in Canada at a time when there are so many other matters of public concern awaiting attention. We were getting on quite well without titles.

After all, this country has many more pressing questions that need solving.

Mr. Bennet could have more profitably occupied his mind and time in finding food for Canada's starving masses than in finding handles for already distinguished names.

What is in Mr. Bennett's mind is more than obvious. And his ultimate aggrandizement should surely take second place in these tormented times to the problem of finding an adequate and active solution to Canada's economic difficulties.

Two lines of attack, that of the constitutionality of the procedure, and that of the event's lack of harmony with these parlous times.

Apart from the question of whether or not the giving of titles is justified, there is the matter of the time and conditions in which the Government chose to restore the creating of titular distinctions. For four years the great majority of Canadians have been suffering hardships. Nearly 15 per cent of the population has been unemployed with a condition of privation involved thereby. Of the remainder a very large percentage has suffered such drastic reduction of incomes that they are in a condition of poverty. In the circumstances, the restoration of titles is a contrast that will not be pleasing to a very large proportion of residents of this Dominion. Assuredly it indicates how far the Government is from being in touch with or sharing public sentiment or realizing conditions.

It is rather unfortunate

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