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London Daily Mail Says Canada Would Benefit if Administration Allowed Time to Carry Out Policy.

SAYS COMPLAINTS ABOUT LORD BYNG "CUT NO ICE"

Morning Post Says Leaders Vied in Professing Loyalty To the Crown.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Liberal complaints concerning Lord Byng "cut no ice" in the contest, the Morning Post thinks. "Both leaders," the paper says, "vied with each other in professing loyalty and devotion to the Crown and the British Empire, leaving the politicians free to range over the whole series of questions chiefly interesting Canada or its constituent provinces."

"The Conservatives made an unfortunate play with the customs scandal, where more was said than could be proved, and the death of the minister who had been the target caused a still further reaction. The issue of free trade versus protection did not really arise, the question being merely one of increasing or maintaining protection, where the Liberals no doubt scored heavily

with the agricultural vote.

"We gather that the Canadian electorate was determined as far as it could to end unstable political equilibrium, no doubt considering that the best chance of obtaining stable government lay in plumping for the Liberals. What Canada wants is political quiet to go ahead with the agricultural and industrial development lying before it. These are better than barren controversies over constitutional issues, and if Mr. King's government turns its back on one and faces the other it will be carrying out the wishes of the Canadian people."

Would Benefit Canada.

The Daily Mail is of the opinion that the new government, whether it be called "Liberal" or "Coalition," seems assured of a good working majority and may remain in power long enough to frame and carry into effect a consistent scheme of policy. The paper continues: "This would benefit Canada, which has suffered too much in recent years from the instability and incoherence of the party situation."

"The Liberal victory was due to various causes which cannot be too closely analyzed by observers at a distance. Personalities and charges of maladministration were bandied about freely and it would seem that the Conservatives lost more than they gained in their virulent campaign. Nor did they make any headway in Quebec, which remained, as usual, solidly Liberal."

Touching on the constitutional issue, the Daily Mail thinks that few Canadians believe any Imperial cabinet would attempt to abridge the rights of self-government. "Even fewer," it states, "are in favor of entering a political union with the United States. Yet it must not be forgotten that this sentiment is exposed to a strain of increasing severity, for, economically and financially, the American influence is growing in the Dominion."

Says Defeat Significant.

The Daily Herald, the Labor organ, describes the defeat of the Conservatives as "dramatic and of a significance beyond peradventure,"

the main decisive factor being the Governor-General's constitutional powers. "Although Lord Byng's motives were not questioned," the paper states, "the Canadian people declared that the Governor-General must no longer regard himself free to accept or reject the advice of the Premier, and must, whatever his private opinion, under all circumstances accept and act under it. It marks one more step under which the Dominions are freeing themselves of every vestige of political control by the Imperial government or its representatives."

The Herald adds that the Canadian labor movement in politics is still in its infancy, "but it is a virile and growing infant. Two seats in the last parliament have now become four."

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