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MR. MACKENZIE KING AND LAUSANNE.

(By Evelyn Wrench.)

"I think the aim of effective co-operation within the Empire would be best obtained by giving the Dominion full recognition respecting self-governing rights, and that any steps we take to make clearer our full rights to self-government will conduce to the security and permanency of our allied nationhood within the Empire."—The Canadian Prime Minister in the Parliament at Ottawa.

The question of Canada's position in the British Commonwealth has been much in the public mind lately as a result of the discussions in the British and Canadian Parliaments on the ratification of the Lausanne Treaty. Considerable space has also been devoted to the subject in the British and Canadian Press. Two or three times I have dealt with the matter in the Spectator, Canadian Government or to Mr. Mackenzie King that I desire to return to the subject and to make reparation where it is due. In passing a tribute must be paid to Lord Beaverbrook for his share in dispelling, in the Daily Express, the mists of misconception. The attitude adopted by that journal during the controversy shows effectively how useful it is to have someone with an intimate knowledge of the Empire controlling one of the great organs of public opinion in this country.

The reason why the present discussion revolving round the Lausanne debates in Great Britain and Canada is of such special importance is that it concentrates our attention on the two most vital problems which the Empire will have to deal with in the near future: (1) the status of the self-governing nations within the British Commonwealth; (2) the international status of the British Empire and its relations to foreign powers. Whatever may be the outcome of the present discussions concerning Canada—the nation furthest along the path towards nationhood in Great Britain—it will establish a

precedent for all the other Dominions, some of which may not yet feel the thrill of nationalism quite so acutely as does British North America.

In two sections of the British Commonwealth the fight for autonomy which the Canadian Government has been carrying on is, however, being watched with the closest attention. In South Africa and in the Irish Free State. In government quarters in Dublin, the Times correspondent tells us, the authorities "are anxious, for various reasons, to extract the last ounce of political independence" from the Anglo-Irish Treaty as the status of the Irish Free State was explicitly declared in that document to be the same as that of the Dominion of Canada. The Southern Irish Government is therefore quite willing to allow the Ottawa Administration to make the peace for it, and "to insist that every privilege that is won by Canada shall apply also to the Free State."

Just one further comment before coming to the subject itself. When I wrote an article in the Spectator last year defining the three alternatives before Canada as independence, annexation to the United States or free nationhood within the British Commonwealth. I was taken to task by several Canadian journals and told in polite terms that I did not know what I was talking about, and that as far as Canada was concerned "all was well in the best of all possible worlds." And yet within a year of the appearance of that article we have the Prime Minister of the Dominion in a considered speech defining the three alternatives before the Canadian people as those of independence, annexation to the United States or "a more clearly recognized relationship as a self-governing nation within the Empire"—the last solution being the one he favoured.

If the Canadian people complain of the nature of the comment in the Times and in the British Press before publication of the Parliamentary White Paper they have every reason to do so. Justice was not done to Canada. All who believe that the future welfare of the British Empire depends in no small degree on the freedom of each part of the Empire and the recognition by the people of

Great Britain of a complete equality of status among all the nations making up the British Commonwealth must appreciate the fight Canada has been making.

The British Government in power in October 1922, no doubt with the best intentions in the world, made a gross blunder in deciding upon the British Empire representation at Lausanne without previous consultation with the Dominions. When Mr. Mackenzie King was informed of the proposed procedure he was confronted with a fait accompli. The Dominions were informed that as a result of agreement with France and Italy the British delegation at Lausanne was to consist of two delegates. They were then asked whether they would agree to allow Lord Carson and Sir Horace Rumbold to represent the whole British Empire. As Sir Edward Grigg said in an able speech in the House of Commons, "the important thing was that they were given no choice, no alternative in the matter."

When the British Government agreed with France to limit the Empire's representation to two, it probably did not realize how much importance is attached overseas as a consequence of the War. It is no exaggeration to say that from the Empire's standpoint one of the most far-reaching results of the War was the equality with the Mother Country which the Dominions obtained and the international recognition of that fact. For as Mr. Mackenzie King pointed out in the Ottawa debates "this equality status which Canada has maintained logically and persistently" was accepted at Versailles, Washington, Genoa and the Hague.

The reason for the British Government's departure from the procedure at Versailles, and for its giving away the status expressly granted to the British Empire in the Covenant of the League of Nations, is commonly believed to have been due to French pressure. If the various sections of the British Empire was entitled to representation at international conferences why not sections of the French Empire such as Morocco and Algeria?

Doubtless there was much in the French claim, and probably it will be recognized in the distant future when the outlying sections of the French Colonial Empire possess a similar autonomy to that of the self-governing nations within the British Empire. I am not dealing here with far-distant probabilities but with conditions as they are. The essential fact therefore remains that in the Versailles Treaty Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and India were accorded a definite status and the French Colonies were not.

All the subsequent discussions about Canada and the Lausanne Treaty, in which, doubtless, there have been mistakes on both sides, must be regarded in the light of the revelations of the above-mentioned White Paper. However much some people may wish that the Canadian Premier has spoken out more definitely at the recent Imperial Conference, the fundamental fact emerges that Canada was given a certain status in the Peace Treaty and the British Government's handling of the Empire's representation at Lausanne derogated from the status. The right of the people of Canada through her elected representatives to approve of any treaty which she is asked to sign must be recognized.

A reading of the debate at Ottawa convinces me that the Daily Express was quite correct when it stated:—"The claim of a Dominion to be an international party to a treaty made by Great Britain, while retaining the right to fight in defense of that treaty only by special and local parliamentary approval, is admitted by the practice of the whole Empire since 1914. This is all Mr. Mackenzie King claims, and since the Canadian Opposition leader, Mr. Meighen, refused his challenge to put the entire Lausanne Treaty to the vote it must be assumed that he speaks for Canada."

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In a great concern like the British Commonwealth there will, undoubtedly, every now and then be friction-producing incidents such as the Lausanne episode. They are inevitable among the nations just as they are given to the subject will not have been in vain if it brings home to us two lessons. We in Great Britain must do nothing which could give rise to the idea that we have any desire—which we certainly have not—to derogate from the national status of the Dominions, from their complete equality with ourselves. Our brethren in Canada, for their part, should appreciate the difficulties of devising a workable scheme for arriving at a common foreign policy for the Empire. The more we all think about the subject the better; just such an incident as we have been confronted with was required to clarify our views.—Spectator.

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**VALENTINE**

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**Blackmailing War Widows**

ROGUES WHO REAP RICH HARVESTS BY CALLOUS METHODS.

The worst form of blackmailing is one of which the public seldom hears. It is that practised on a class who have every claim to our consideration and sympathy—war widows.

Such women are exposed to terrorism owing to a peculiarity of the pensions regulations. As a rule a man's pension is a stick, not a crutch; a widow's, her whole support. Yet, while a man's pension is an absolute right, and cannot be taken from him except for some very grave offence, such as high treason, a widow's is awarded as a favour, and may be stopped for misconduct, which includes neglect of children.

It is this contingency which gives some despicable folk a power over war widows, who are coerced into acceding to their demands by the threat that certain information will be given to the authorities. "I will get your pension stopped!" This menace is generally effective.

Many of those who thus prey upon war widows are neighbours. A curious case in point happened in the North of England. For some time a war widow worked, and so supplemented her pension. One of her neighbours told her that this was against the regulations, and caused her to throw up her job, which was then secured by one of the neighbour's relatives.

Subsequently the circumstance that the woman had worked while drawing a pension was used as a lever for extracting money from her, and she was foolish enough to pay a comparatively large sum in the aggregate for the preservation of a "secret" which might have been proclaimed from the housetops without harm to her. As a fact, there is nothing to prevent a war widow from working for pay.

Another case was discovered by a member of a local war pensions committee. A war widow actually gave £5, or 10, a week hush money to a neighbour—a woman—in order to avoid the least breath of scandal.

Other blackmailers of this class are on hand as lodgers of war widows. One woman was forced to let a man remain in her house for three years after she first tried to get rid of him, and every week to give him money for drink.

Among the blackmailers, too, are some of those nondescripts who live on nothing a year. An officer's widow met one of these wretches at a dance hall, and eventually he wrung more than £500 out of her. To satisfy his demands, she was obliged to have recourse to moneylenders, a friend in one instance giving a bill of sale on her own furniture to help raise some cash to appease the blackmailer.

**A Scoundrel's Deserts.**

Of the same order was a scoundrel who terrorized a captain's widow by threats to get her pension stopped. This man was insatiable. On one occasion he bought a piano for his sister in the name of his victim, who subsequently had to pay £75 for it. Shortly afterwards he staggered her with a demand for £50 to meet gambling debts. Ultimately, when she was on the verge of ruin, she mustered sufficient courage to disclose everything to her only brother, who gave the blackmailer a hiding that completely disposed of him.

Sometimes, indeed, victims have been bled to such an extent that in the end they have turned upon their persecutors. In a particularly sad case a war widow narrowly escaped having to answer a charge of murder, and in a similar happening it was only by mercifully ignoring certain things that a coroner's jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

**Household Notes**

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And elsewhere he wrote in happy recollection of "a gracious freckled lady; tall and grave," whose sunburnt beauty made her unforgettable.

**What is a "Heel-Tap"?**

Most men who have at one time or another sped the passing hours in vessels among the squirrels sometimes empty the final class of glasses into their jack-boots, which next morning, formed a very evident "tap" for their servants to visit.

These were the days of the "five and a night's drinking, the vessels among the squirrels, and sometimes empty the final class of glasses into their jack-boots, which next morning, formed a very evident "tap" for their servants to visit.

**Fads and Fashions.**

In accessories red and silver dominating notes. The brim of the large hat should have a graceful dip. Gray seems to be supplanting tones in hosiery. The ribbon hat has been featured in Paris with much success.

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