

THE ELIBANK INCIDENT  
PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

St. Thomas Times Journal.

(As quoted in the Mail and Empire editorial columns  
on August 31st.)

"If this defenceless country .....  
were attacked by sea and air, what would the  
Minister do? Our guess is that he would reach  
for the telephone, call up Whitehall and yell for  
the nearest British warships to hurry to the  
rescue ..... Mr. Mackenzie appears to hold down  
a negative and merely routine job in the Cabinet.  
If he is so jealous about his right to carry out  
the defence programme of this country, why doesn't  
he demand action from his colleagues? What does  
the Ministry of Defence do, except drift along,  
voting routine supplies ....."

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