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Regina Leader Post, Sept. 8th:

"Some may feel that in these utterances the Governor-General has been overstepping the mark".

Windsor Star, Sept. 4th:

"There is no hesitation, however, in granting that discussion of defence problems by His Majesty's representative in Canada is not favoured by the government".

It might be noted that the Star was a severe critic of Lord Elibank's speech in Toronto, but this is ^{its} only comment.

The French Press, on the other hand, is very vigorous in its denunciation of the Governor-General lending himself to what is described as "Imperialistic propaganda".

Le Droit, of Sept. 4th, reviews the Elibank episode and the remarks of the Honourable B. S. C. Stevens, of Australia, concerning Imperial defence, and proceeds to attack the position taken by the Governor-General as Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces. "The Governor-General must think he is living in the times of General Colborne, when the Governor-General was truly a Governor and truly a General. Now he is neither a Governor nor a General but 'seulement le vice-roi du Canada'. Canadians have no wish to raise a new constitutional issue of the sort which makes Lord Byng's name so painful a memory".

Le Devoir, of Sept. 9th, in a lengthy editorial signed by Omer Heroux and sub-headed "Respectful and Necessary Observations", refers to the Elibank incident, and goes on to say that it is necessary to point out that whatever solution the Governor-General proposes, it is hardly the duty, nor is it the custom of a Governor-General, to busy himself as a propagandist for imperialism. "The remarks of the Governor-General have done one thing - they have emphasized the point that we should have a Canadian Governor-General. A native-born Canadian would not have risked embroiling himself in such a delicate subject".

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