

THE ELIBANK INCIDENT  
PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Toronto Mail and Empire, August 29th.

The Mail and Empire published an editorial under the heading:

"How Will Veterans Receive Hon. Ian Mackenzie"

The editorial proceeded:

"This is Warriors' Day at the Canadian National Exhibition. As Canadian Minister of Defence, Honourable Ian Mackenzie is to be the honoured guest of the Directors at luncheon, and to take the salute at the March Past of returned men. In view of the Minister's recent crude attack upon Lord Elibank, and of his insistence that Great Britain has nothing to do with Canada's defence measures, we have been wondering how the thousands of veterans of the Great War will receive him.

"The Canadian press is largely unanimous in denouncing Mr. Mackenzie's stupid and ignorant attack upon the Viscount's speech .... We say this with confidence, despite the noisy outcries of a very few disloyal and anti-British newspapers."

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