THE ELIBANK INCIDENT

NEW ZEALAND. ALSO

During his subsequent visit to New Zealand, Lord Elibank evoked a similar rebuke to that which he received in Canada.

The following Canadian press despatch published in many Canadian newspapers gives the gist of the incident:

"LORD ELIBANK HAS PLENTY OF ASSURANCE"

Wellington, N.Z., October 16. (C.P.) - Viscount Elibank, President of the Federation of the Chamber of Commerce of the Empire, raised a storm in the political circles of New Zealand by asking the Government not to enact its bill on industry until the Minister of Finance, Mr. Walter Nash, who is enroute to Europe, consulted the Government of Great Britain. Lord Elibank added that the effect of this bill would be to discourage British Capitalists who are contemplating investments in New Zealand.

"The reply was not slow in coming. The Minister of Industry, Mr. D. G. Sullivan, declared that this was "interference". Prime Minister Michael Savage declared: "We are not going to take instructions from people abroad." Several members of Parliament also expressed their resentment."

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