

tion maintenance. But—that is another story.

IN SEDATE AND LOYAL VICTORIA (British Columbia) the writer met another Englishman who, when we spoke of its being time for the men at the centre of Empire to "wake up" more fully to the potentialities of Canada, at once questioned IF IT WERE NOT ALREADY TOO LATE? If, to some folk, it should seem disloyal in us even to publish such a suggestion, we would answer that we publish it—and if we feel warranted, shall publish more along that line—because we believe THERE IS NEED FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, and the citizens generally in the Centre of the Empire, to be MORE FULLY AWAKE than they seem to be to this Canada of ours—and THEIRS!

"FREE TRADE ENGLAND IN KILLING THE EMPIRE" was another remark, made to the writer in the course of a lengthy chat with one of the prominent professional men in Western Canada, who also happens to be a man of wide-reading and a student of affairs. If there is truth in that viewpoint, the sooner PREMIER BALDWIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES who hold the reins of power in the British Government, are thoroughly impressed by it, the better. If British Statesmen do not waken up to the Empire's potentialities—and that includes Canada's—if they do not evolve and put into active working order, a system that makes for larger INTER-EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT and EXCHANGE, they may too late waken up to the fact that some portions of the Empire will make other arrangements—arrangements that, whatever may follow from them, will not strengthen connection with the Homeland.

OUR USE OF "DEAR YET 'DOLEFUL' BRITAIN" has in it more of sorrow than of anger. But there is something of annoyance, if not of shame, in the thought that—according to the information that reaches us—our British Homeland, including even the Land of Wallace and Bruce, Burns and Scott, and numerous other patriots, statesmen, poets, and race-leaders, is in danger of being disgraced by "the dole." As another outstanding man in Western Canada suggested to the writer—a man who we are confident, does not wish any more than this note-maker to be disloyal to the Empire.—If Britain cannot run her own country BETTER, she may find ere long that the British Dominions beyond the seas, will THEMSELVES arrange some combination that will not only recall—

"Daughter am I in my Mother's House, But Mistress in my own", but demonstrate that the "Children" NATIONS of the EMPIRE are grown up, and, without wishing to be undutiful towards, much less to forget their "parents", have learned that they too must DO THEIR OWN PART in their day and generation.

TO PREMIER BALDWIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES in the British Cabinet we made bold to send a suggestion (published in our issue of November last) that as far as possible the members of

his Cabinet in turn should have an Empire-touring holiday—for recreation, for information, and to help in the completion of their education for the great and noble task of lasting Empire building. We sent that message marked to each member of the Cabinet, and we appreciate the various acknowledgments received. Incidentally, even if our notes be likened to only an ounce in "tons" of influence otherwise brought to bear upon them, we were pleased to learn in recent months that the Premier himself MAY visit Canada. We trust he will come, and that he will not be the only member to use the "Trans-Canada" ALL THE WAY.

IF WE WRITE SO OF LONDON, what should we say of OTTAWA? It is not so long since one Government Minister from Ottawa (in the previous government) visited Vancouver and admitted that it was for the first time. To appreciate that fairly our British readers have to be reminded that Vancouver is approximately about as far from Eastern Canada as Quebec is from Glasgow or Liverpool. At the same time it is inexcusable that any man should be in the Dominion Cabinet for any length of time without visiting and learning at first hand about every Province in this Dominion. In Provincial Governments the same principle should apply to knowledge of districts, no matter what the Party badge may be.

SPACE AND TIME, so far at least as the journalist is concerned, are limited, and we have reached this point without introducing or dealing with another communication from the critic formerly mentioned.

BECAUSE WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF FREE DISCUSSION, and believe that our publication of certain questions raised by that correspondent, may at once accentuate and justify our own attitude as above indicated, we shall close these notes by reproducing VERBATIM the questions that our former critic asks. Following other references to the contents of a previous issue, with which time alone prevents our dealing, the reader who accused the editor of this Magazine with being "imperialistic in the extreme," writes thus:

"As a reader I would like to ask your opinion on the following questions, and trust you will give some space to their discussion from month to month, as you can spare it.:

1. As a country with a history dating back to the French Settlements in and around the first part of the seventeenth century, do you think this northern part of the Continent, now known as Canada, has made the progress we naturally might expect?

2. Can a strong National spirit be developed in any country that is part of an Empire, composed of countries with widely-divergent interests, and scattered in different parts of the globe?

3. Can a strong National sentiment be developed in a country such as Canada, where the population is a mixture of almost every country under the sun, without a distinctive flag, as well as a National Anthem peculiarly its own?

4. Taking into consideration that at least seventy-five per cent. of the magazines read by the Canadian people are periodicals of the United States and full of American sentiment, and a portrayal of the greatness of everything American; that at least eighty per cent. of the Moving Pictures shown in our theatres are tinged with their ideas and customs, and that the greater portion of the capital that is being used in the development of our National resources comes from the republic to the south, do you not fear that we are not only being drawn into the American Maelstrom, but are actually in it now, and sooner or later are to be engulfed in some way?

5. Is it now too late to steer the ship out of the maelstrom, and still get into the waters of independence?

6. The above are questions which this country must face. I have asked many business men, as well as others in Vancouver, as to what they thought of political union with the United States, if it could be obtained on an honorable basis. Without one exception they have exclaimed: "The best thing that could happen to us, but for goodness' sake do not mention my name at present." They were agreed that values in this city would double overnight, and that an era of prosperity in this country, never before dreamed of, would ensue.

"Mister Editor, what have you to say on questions of this nature: As a Canadian by adoption, what is your opinion?"

Perhaps our opinion and attitude may be inferred from what we wrote in the April Magazine, and also above, before turning to our correspondent's letter.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS, what are the thoughtful and influential citizens in the Canadian Commonwealth THINKING on such topics TO-DAY? For the direction of their thought-to-day must influence the trend of the ACTION of TOMORROW—assuming that the life of this world and continent is allowed to follow normal lines, undisturbed by wars, earthquakes, cataclysms, or unchanged by Higher Evolutions!

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