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## CHALLENGING THE STATE

The Marquis of Londonderry, in his reply to A. J. Cook, General Secretary of the British Miners' Federation, tersely repeats in somewhat more popular language the statement made recently by Premier Baldwin, that never yet have the British people allowed themselves to be dictated to by a minority. Cook has challenged the state, and if the miners are guided by his counsel, they will provoke a conflict which can have only one ending.

Cook's challenge has been clearly, impudently phrased. In a recent statement directed at the Prime Minister he said that the Government had surrendered, and must be reminded that it would have to surrender again and again; that what the miners had brought about on this occasion under a threat of industrial paralysis they would be able to bring about whenever they deemed it necessary.

The British people have no liking for being taken by the throat, and the words of the Marquis of Londonderry derive their importance not from the fact that he is a man of title, or a great mine owner, but because his reply is shot through with truth recognized by a very great majority of the people of the United Kingdom. He says that it is possible that Cook and those like him may bring about a revolution, but if that evil day comes they will soon have their fill of it; and he is right, because the people at large will not hesitate to defend and vindicate the orderly forms and processes of government under which they live. It would not be the life of any particular government or of any party which would be at stake, but that of the state itself.

Fortunately Cook's words threaten more than he can perform. The extremists are, after all, but a small proportion of organized labor in Britain. But when the Prime Minister is compelled by circumstances to answer the challenge of a mad minority, he speaks, not as a man of party, but as one representing the most orderly, conservative and resolute people in the world, and in a great national emergency, if such unhappily should come, they would make his words good, at any cost.

## SIR ADAM BECK

The death of Sir Adam Beck removes one who by the sheer force of personality gained a commanding position in Ontario and became an outstanding figure in Canada. In 1906, when he was Minister without portfolio in the Whitely Government, he introduced a bill by which the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was created, and of this Commission he became chairman, a position which he held up to the time of his death. It was said to be Sir James Whitney's view that the province should not expend more than \$6,000,000 upon power development, but under Beck's leadership, and with the driving force of his enthusiasm, the project has grown to immense proportions, involving an investment of some hundreds of millions of dollars.

Frequently in recent years Sir Adam encountered criticism and opposition, and on more than one occasion he was a storm centre. He was charged with autocratic methods and with committing the province to developments which could not be economically justified, but his faith was unwavering and he commanded the support of strong elements in both the Conservative and Liberal parties. Within the last fifteen years power from Niagara and other sources has been carried throughout the Ontario municipalities. It was contended by Sir Adam's opponents that Quebec, which has been a power enterprise largely for the development of its waterpowers, was following a sounder principle, but a majority of the Ontario people were converted to public ownership and control very largely through the popularity and prestige which Beck achieved. He established a wide reputation for honesty and enterprise, and even his critics have always been ready to admit his devotion to the public service.

Sir Adam, who was successful manufacturer, was a sportsman of note, and a well-known owner and breeder of thoroughbred horses. During the war he acted for some time as director of remounts, and supervised the purchase of army horses for the Canadian forces. He was knighted in 1914. He will rank high among the famous sons of Ontario.

IN 1927,

When the Canadian Confederation was fifty years old this country was still engaged in the great war, which overshadowed everything, and naturally it was in no mood to celebrate the anniversary in the fashion that would have prevailed under other circumstances. The Diamond Jubilee of the Dominion will come on July 1, 1927, and it is being suggested in the Central Provinces that there should be local celebrations from coast to coast, that the federal and provincial governments should give assistance to the project, that every city, town and village should have its own local organization,

and that the jubilee should be made the most memorable in the history of the country.

Many towns and cities in Ontario of late have held "Old Home" celebrations, and during these a remarkable number of former residents who have been living in the United States or elsewhere returned to their places of nativity. It is now being proposed that there should be earnest and definite consideration of the character of the events to mark the Diamond Jubilee, particularly on the part of Canadian Clubs and similar organizations, but also on the part of all town and city governments throughout the country. The Toronto Star advocates this project as one worthy of support from many standpoints. It says:

"This is a sort of thing which Canada has done little. But this is not because she cannot. She can, and the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation, the Diamond Jubilee of the Dominion, provides her with the occasion, which she should celebrate in a manner that will show the world that she is up and doing."

"The governments, the municipal councils, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, the Canadian clubs, the Rotarians, the Kiwanians, the Lions, every lodge and organization in the country, the press, and even the pulpits, should take up this question and urge it forward. Such a Diamond Jubilee could be made Canada's old home celebration—if planned in a big way long enough in advance to bring home to people from all parts of the world. Canada ought to concentrate some what on herself, and give a little more emphasis to her own individuality as a country we deprive ourselves of a certain nourishment without which a patriotism can never be at its best. We have a great country and a fine people and we should not, and then, by means of a concerted national celebration, light fire on our hills, signal to the world and indicate that union of sentiment which really exists."

Of late years patriotic organizations have been endeavoring, with some measure of success, to bring about a more general and hearty celebration of Dominion Day, feeling that the more lively expression of sentiment on the national holiday is desirable and helpful. It is a fact that in our customary celebrations of that day we leave much to be desired. With proper organization long in advance Canada's sixtieth birthday could be made a most memorable one indeed.

## HALL CAINE LEADS

This is regarded as an age when the public likes frivolous reading, yet among all living British authors gloomy Hall Caine proves to be financially the most successful. According to a writer in the London Evening Standard, Caine has an income of \$800,000 a year. More than a million copies of his books have been sold within the last three years; it is said that no play which he has written has failed to command at least \$10,000. His earnings from his books are increased greatly by the sale of motion picture rights. The leading English writers have a tremendous following in the United States, so an estimate of their earnings and a comparison of their sales throws some light upon the tastes of the reading public on both sides of the Atlantic.

J. M. Barrie, in point of income, is placed second on the list, with \$200,000 a year from his novels and his plays. It is estimated that "Peter Pan" alone brought him \$250,000 in royalties. Here is a most noteworthy success, because his work has been free from the sensational and sordid elements which mark so many of the deliberately aimed to meet a questionable public taste demanding a question of killing or a leaning toward the salacious.

Incomes of \$100,000 a year are credited to H. G. Wells, Bernard Shaw, Somerset Maugham, and the astonishing Mr. Oppenheim, who appears to produce a work of fiction every few weeks. The Standard writer estimates Mr. Wells' earnings from his "Outline of History" as \$800,000. Arnold Bennett's average income is given as \$80,000. Some of the English writers have a greater following in the United States than in their own country, and it is noted that American authors are in a better position to write for the English market than British authors are in a position to write for the American market.

The Times-Star offers its sincere thanks to those who assisted in one way or another in making the annual newsboys' picnic a striking success. On Saturday, the list is a long one, including Commissioner Wigmore, who threw the city's grounds open; Clarence White and Frank Johnston, of Loch Lomond; the City Cornet Band, whose presence gave so much pleasure, and many firms and individuals who loaned trucks or touring cars or made donations. Let us hope that all these kind-hearted people realize in some measure not only how thoroughly their help is appreciated but how keen was the enjoyment and the simple pleasure of the boys and how much the outing meant for them. The Times-Star is sincerely grateful to its friends and thanks them heartily on its own behalf and that of the newsboys.

## Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

### Courtesy a City Asset

(Winnipeg Tribune.)  
"I was going to give you the third degree, but I see you are a stranger. No left turn here, sir!" This speech from a Winnipeg traffic officer, says a visitor, did more to make him feel at home in Winnipeg than any other thing. "It showed that when they gave us cards at the border, extending the official hospitality of the city, they were extending genuine hospitality and real courtesy, and no mere sham."

One of the complaints of the long-distance motor tourist is that as he enters a strange state or an unfamiliar city he is unfairly treated by traffic officers. If, in his ignorance of local traffic rules he commits an unintentional error, he feels that he should be set right rather than "bawled out" or held up as a criminal—even if he is not at fault.

All tourists approaching Winnipeg are directed to the Tourist and Convention Bureau and the Parliament Buildings, by cards issued by the Mayor. These cards are distributed by border officials, traffic officers, Boy Scouts and others. At the Bureau are supplied maps, advice, and road information in securing lodgings. Assistance is given in a distinctive badge for his car, and generally made to feel that he is among friends who have a definite interest in his welfare.

Every city desires motor visitors. The thousands of free camp grounds throughout the country were established as a means of attracting them. Entering upon a road which is a courtesy is a step further, and brings a new element into the motoring world. If the hundreds of letters of appreciation that have come to the Tourist and Convention Bureau are any indication, the plan already has paid large dividends in good-will and admiration for Winnipeg.

## Size

(Manitoba Free Press.)  
We see by the papers that a gigantic prehistoric dinosaur has been discovered in the Canadian Rockies. This gigantic animal left behind it a skeleton eighty feet from stem to stern and a fossilized foot in height. We have no longer any animals living that are as big as that.

An interesting point always arises out of these gigantic dinosaurs (this one was eight feet long, and it is this: Why did they pass away? Why have all the huge animals in the world fossilized and left the surface of the world to the small creatures? And here is another question: Why were the smaller creatures not grow bigger? We give both these problems up, of course, but nevertheless they still remain: there they are.

If a dinosaur could grow to eighty feet by forty feet, what in the world made it grow to that size? If the dinosaur is a descendant of the mastodon, and the mastodon of the mammoth, and the mammoth of a giant, and it was the offspring of a land animal, what made the elephant shrink? Why did growth contract and not expand? Why did the new and the grasshopper not grow to the size of elephants instead of the mastodons dividing and the dinosaurs and megaliths passing out altogether?

We admit freely we are quite unable to answer these questions, which, at least, are quite easy to ask. But there they are. And every time the boys dig up another gigantic dinosaur they come to mind again, and we realize that if perhaps quite small and insignificant balance wheel in the great scheme of nature, were ever so slightly readjusted, we might all keep on growing till we were as big as the Woolworth Building. And now, we ask you, wouldn't that be interesting?

## Bobbing Will Last

(Victoria Colonial.)  
An English barber thinks that the bobbing of hair will continue because they are something more than mere fashion. They are, in his opinion, part and parcel of the movement for the emancipation of women and a triumph of convenience over convention. The real reason, he throws, is the desire to save trouble and to free women from the incubus of a mass of hair, which, some say, performs no useful function except to please the other sex. The barber says nothing of the beauty or otherwise of bobbed and straight hair. The latter variety has been described by one of the world's great artists as "the most hideous fashion yet invented," though that is probably very much of an exaggeration.

## Seems Odd

(Manitoba Free Press.)  
In the New Brunswick elections last week the voted had to write the name of the candidate of his choice on a blank sheet of paper or else hand in to the returning officer the name of the candidate of his choice by the scrutiny of the candidate. Does this argue a higher educational standard of the New Brunswick electorate in that it is presumed able to write the candidate's name correctly and that where the candidate has to mark an X which invalidates a New Brunswick ballot it argues illiteracy on the part of voters in general, or is it merely a survival of the days when the only people who had a vote were the land-owning classes who presumably were the only educated ones in the community?

Anyway, New Brunswick must be about the last place on earth where the system of writing the candidate's name prevails.

## TRUCK LOAD OF SIGNATURES



A petition was recently presented to the British House of Commons containing a million signatures on behalf of the British Legion praying for certain alterations in the granting of war pensions. The presentation was made by Major J. B. Cohen, M.P., who lost both his legs at the Third Battle of Ypres. He is seen in the bath chair.

## SKULL FRACTURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Car With Five Summer Visitors Turns Over Near St. Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS, Aug. 16.—With a compound fracture of the skull, Baning Richardson, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson, of New York, is now a patient in the Chipman Hospital at St. Stephen hovering between life and death. He was one of a party of five young people, guests of the Algonquin Hotel, who were motoring from St. Andrews to New River Beach Saturday morning about 10 o'clock, when the large car made a double somersault going round a sharp turn on the road two miles on the side of Chatham.

Miss Ethel Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, of Montreal, received minor injuries and is still in hospital, but her condition is not serious. The car was a large Chrysler, and was driven by Fred Cowan, son of Percy Cowan, of the firm of McDougall and Cowan, Montreal. Young Cowan is about 17 years of age.

## DOCTORS SUMMONED

Dr. H. P. O'Neill, of St. Andrews, was hurriedly summoned to the scene of the accident and he accompanied the injured boy to the hospital in the ambulance. Dr. E. V. Sullivan, of St. Stephen, was called at once and two Charlotte county doctors advised calling Doctors G. A. B. Addy and W. E. Rowley, who were immediately sent for from Saint John. A telegram was sent to Montreal and Dr. Arnold, who arrived in St. Stephen on Sunday morning, having motored from McAdam Junction to the hospital.

The outside doctors returned to their homes today and Dr. Sullivan, who was left in charge of the case, reported tonight that he had hopes of the patient's recovery, as he was resting quite comfortably at that time.

## GO OVER BANK

FREDERICTON, Aug. 16.—S. P. Fox, with his wife and five children, went on a trip to the coast yesterday afternoon between Fredericton and Woodstock Friday night. The car was kept well to its own side when it went over. All the party was thrown clear of the car but received no injury save one boy, who was cut about the head. The car was much damaged.

Several similar accidents have occurred at the same place.

## OTHER AUTO DAMAGED

The Walsh car was also very badly damaged and up to late last night was still at Musquash. The Palmer car was able to proceed to the city under its own power and was taken to a garage. The Palmer party registered at the Royal Hotel.

Wakfield Penton, of West Saint John, who arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred while on his way to St. Stephen as one of a motor party, left his car doing other material damage to his car.

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### NEW THREAT ISSUED.

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### MR. COOK REPLIES.

To this effusion, Mr. Cook replied this morning that he was born of British parents and that all his relatives are British and all the threats in the world "will not deter me from doing my duty towards the men I represent." Mr. Cook adds that such organizations as the Fackell will only cause similar organizations to be formed among the working classes leading to the possibility of civil war.

It is feared that an attempt will be made to kidnap Mr. Cook as Mr. Politt was kidnapped in Liverpool some months ago, although, if they make any such attempt, the Fackell are not unlikely to get a surprise, as all preparations have been made in case of such an emergency.

### Newfoundland Gets Part Liquor Cargo

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Aug. 16.—The Dominion of Newfoundland receives 1,000 cases of fine quality whisky and 380 cases of dry champagne, as the result of a settlement adjusted last night, between the finance minister and the steamer Herbert Grenz sailed last month as a rum runner.

By this settlement awarding the government one-third of the cargo, this ship will be enabled to sail with the remainder tomorrow. The arresting officers charged that liquor had been sold over the ship's side.

### Will Be Allowed to Cross-Examine Witnesses Thru Own Counsel

British United Press.  
LONDON, Aug. 17.—The miners will not be represented on the Royal Commission that is to investigate conditions in the coal industry. (This was the decision which the cabinet reached on Saturday after long discussion. The miners, however, will be allowed to cross-examine witnesses through their counsel and it is likely that Sir Henry Slesser, Solicitor-General in the MacDonald administration, will be briefed to look after their interests. The mine owners will also have no direct representation on the commission, but will be granted similar privileges to the men.)

### AGREES UNDER PROTEST.

A. J. Cook, the powerful leader of the men, only agreed to this arrangement under strong protest, but Premier Baldwin was forced to call a halt to the continual demands of the mine Conservative antagonism to the encroachments of the men has been steadily rising and Baldwin was given a clear intimation that he could not continue to rely on their support in the House if he continued to make concessions, and gave way to their demands, all along the line.

### FASCISTI THREATEN.

Mr. Cook is again in the limelight, but this time it is the Fascist of Britain, composed largely of the sons of the families of the upper middle class, who are amusing themselves fighting with the trait and underfed communists in Hyde Park. These British Fascisti are today engaged in defending

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## Ship Grounds During Mist In St. Lawrence

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.—Carrying a general cargo, the freighter Victorliffe went ashore during a mist this morning at Verceilles, in the River St. Lawrence.

The ship will probably be floated after some of her cargo has been removed. The Victorliffe was bound from Montreal for Southampton.

### Nearly \$1,800 For Orphans From Picnic

The gross receipts of the annual picnic of the combined Sunday schools of St. Peter's and Holy Trinity churches amounted to \$1,760. It is expected that there will remain about \$1,200 to be given to the maintenance of the Catholic orphanages. This sum is in excess of the proceeds of the Portland picnic during recent years and much satisfaction is felt at the great success achieved this year.

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