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ANTI-BRITISH ?

We are getting pretty well accustomed in Canada to see in an emasculated press every protest against What is British ?

The most glorious pages of British history are those which record the struggle for freedom, the progress of liberty, the restriction and limitation of the powers of government to poverishment. proper governmental functions. And that struggle if not continuous is ever-recurring, never-ending. " Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' Periods there have been in British history, as in the history of other countries, when the struggle secured ended the battle won. But the experience is universal that governments, whether despotic or democratic in form, are all human and open to the same temptations to abuse their power. The usurpations of a royal tyrant are no whit less odious than the tyrannical oppression of governments democratic in form but despotic in action. What matters it to the oppressed and starving Russians whether their tyrants be an avowed despotism or a professed rule of the people? The whole object and purpose of democracy is to the people's will; to bring to bear on those who govern the powerful influence of the people's natural sense of justice and equity. For the mass trusted: the few who rule are exposed to the same temptations today as were those who ruled a hundred or a thousand years ago. Perhaps the highly complex modern

everything done by a British Government? No, the best British tradior abroad; to hurl guilty governments from power, even, when necessary, to take the royal crown from the head of the King. And the names that illumine the pages of history are the names of those who withstood even royal tyrants for the sake men, like the great journalist whom it goes, an admission of failure and a of justice and freedom, who asserted we have been quoting, whose con. mark of weakness, not of abiding the rights of the people even against science revolts and whose patriotism strength." the royal prerogatives when royalty sickens at what is done in Ireland was synonymous with great if not in England's name. Lord Henry thoughtful and very influential unlimited power. Stephen Langton's Bentinck is an aristocratic Tory as section of the English people, says: name is a benediction and living thoroughly and entirely British as years; and seven hundred years Land's End, but whose utterances the Great Charter will have to be by those Canadian papers that knows the names of the royal syco. Sycophancy with patriotism. phants and favorites of the worth. less John? The voices that ring the time-serving loyalists who defended the excesses of royal tyrants, oppressed.

A. G. Gardiner - whose "Prophets-Priests, and Kings" will be familiar to many of our readers-writes in the Daily News, Oct. 2nd :

"There was a time not long ago when we used to read much about frightfulness' in Belgium and France. I suppose nothing did more to intensify feeling against the Germans in this country than the methods of barbarism they employed to put fear into the hearts of the civilian populations they passed through. Certainly nothing did more to prejudice them in the eyes of the neutral world and to mobilize public opinion against them in all countries. Well we owe the Gar. mans an apology. . . . In all our annals there has been nothing to parallel this record of organized and senseless savagery [in Ireland.]

. . And there is this difference between the frightfulness of the Germans in Belgium and that of the English in Ireland, that the Germans only aimed at terrorism. They did not destroy for the sake of destructhe horrible atrocities of Irish mis- tion. But a feature of the deviltries government branded as anti-British. in Ireland is the deliberate and calculated destruction of factories, shops and creameries. The object in these cases is not to create terror but to leave ruin, to reduce whole populations to worklessness and im-

"This is the last depth to which English rule in Ireland has sunk. Beyond this it cannot go. Bayond this Tsarist Russia at its worst could not go. We are gibbeted before the judices, so long will militarism ride world as a nation of hooligans, and before the world and before the bar of history we shall be condemned as the Germans were condemned.

". . . , It is not probable that the course suggested by Lord Grey will be adopted by the present Government. It is committed here as elsewhere to paths of ruin and disruption. But the obduracy of the Government is a command to all the forces of reason and sanity in the nation to combine to end this humiliating scandal."

Mr. Gardiner adds something which we have always urged our to make the government amenable distinction between the people of England and the English Government in Ireland. To speak of England as guilty of the atrocities in Ireland is to use a dangerous and of the population can always be misleading figure of speech; moreover it confuses the issue.

civilization makes the temptation not ended and that soon. There are prepared for Irishmen by the short. of reprisals"? Was Sir Henry more seductive and the responsibility for abuse of power less easy to justice, and our own security that stood to talk of completing Oliver's Was Gladstone anti British when he question the existence of the In any case democratic institutions to in order to get rid of this intoler. forget that the heart of Nationalist atrocities? Is the Nation anti. of the material world; but man, can function properly only in the able shame. If it is not got rid of it Ireland is tenatious. However we British? Is The Manchester Guar. every man, knows that matter bracing air of free criticism. With- will be the fault of the party mana- may differ as to the utility of coer. dian anti-British? Is Truth anti. exists and life exists. What matter Is it British to stide criticism? Is this of making an end of the Irish other hand no question of its bearing it British to uphold anything and question it is the capital duty of on our national credit and character British? tion is to denounce tyranny at home task of sweeping away the present mon impression of our devotion to Canada which betray their trust, inherent, vital principle of its own,

for domestic peace." people" or their enlightened spokes.

for saying in Canada :

Farther on he answers the query that naturally arises as to why the alternative policy will then be, not whether he will carry with him the recognize the vital function of the Mr. Smillie has pointed out that English people do not oust a Government which misrepresents them. And who, with experience of the conflicting issues and confusing appeals of a popular election, can not feel the force of what he says:

"The prevailing pursuit of sectional interests obscures the reality. Public opinion in Britain is not divided into three groups, Liberal, Labour, and Conservative, as party managers would have us believe but into two-that is, into those who believe in force and violence and those who believe in peace and conciliation. The first party is com posed of violent revolutionaries and violent reactionaries, militarists and profiteers, who play into each other's hands and inflict infinite damage upon the body politic. The second is composed of those who hate violence and lies, and who believe that our national and international difficulties can be solved by the co-operation of all for the good of

"Unfortunately, however, zeal for this faith has not yet developed sufficient heat and strength among the laster to cause them to unite in its defence. Herein they incur a great responsibility. So long as men like Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Asquith, and the leaders of constitutional Labour refuse to look havond the rim of their party prerampant throughout the land. though its futility and ruinous expense is clear to all men. What is needed today is that faith in the healing virtues of liberty, justice, conciliation, and goodwill shall be elevated into a cardinal political principle, and not be reduced to a picus platitude, useful only at Pleasant Sunday Afternoons."

Lord Morley bewails the shortsightedness rather than the barbarism of the present Irish misgovernment; warns against the loss of reputation and prestige; yet feels that "Hunnishness in high places" readers to bear in mind, that is, the rather than its denunciation is what is really "anti-British."

He writes : "It is the worst fatuity to forget among obvious and central truths that the long spell of coercion that Ministers seem to contemplate means a whole generation born and brought Mr. Gardiner makes this distinc- up in associations bitterly hostile to tion clear in these concluding words: England. In Cromwell's ever-mem-"It will not be the fault of the orable words, 'The mind is the man.' plain people of this country if it is What sort of 'minds in the men' are no terms consistent with reason, sighted ultras who today are underthe English people would not agree half-done work? . . . It is folly to denounced Bulgarian and Armenian objective existence of the things gers. It for no other reason than cion to law and order, there is on the British? Is The Daily News anti- is, what life is, are questions that in Liberals and Labour to subordinate | -in India, for instance, where in all their exclusive aims to the one these feverish days the standing comwhich represents the true mind of equal law is a living asset of British public opinion and uphold the principle, we call an Organism. the country and its passionate desire power. Say what we will, it is no most un-British and anti British of But it is not alone "the plain that resort to a policy of exceptional disgraced Great Britain. And gener. uity of man lacks this inherent vital repression must be counted, so far as

The Nation, the mouthpiece of a

"Were Sir Henry Campbell Baninspiration after seven hundred anyone between John O'Groat's and nerman alive, a single speech on the it: hence the principles embodied in would be branded as "anti-British" the conscience of the nation. Were methods of barbarism would rally defended and reasserted. But who confound servility with loyalty, ring with his indictment, and no Gladstone alive, the country would Bentinck that they have seen this give a living soul to any human consequences of the British Coal discussion at London ever since the Government could maintain this Lord Henry says just what friends nefarious course for twenty-four Englishmen." of Ireland and friends of freedom hours. Today the British people down the ages are not those of and decency have been blackguarded have no taste for their bloody work, but the leaders, Labor and Liberal, "I agree with General Gough that give no expression to the indigbut those courageously raised for the no truthful and sane person can nation and concern of the majorrights and liberties of the poor and doubt that the Government is ity of people. A Unionist histor- significant comment on Mr. Asquith's encouraging the policy of reprisals ian saw with clearer eyes. One recent pronouncements on Ireland : Today the heirs and successors by the armed forces of the Crown. of the keenest opponents of to the royal sycophants are those Evidence is accumulating that these Irish Home Rule had a prophetic must be taken, and undoubtedly will who under pretence of loyalty defend outrages are not spontaneous acts glimpse in 1886 of the catastrophe to be accepted, as the Irish programme every governmental infamy because, of savagery, but the deliberate policy which we have been brought. 'If the of the Independent Liberal party to call it to mind on what is always electorate it is easily understood that such thing has happened; and we forsooth, it is done by a British of the Prime Minister, who has, at time should come when the effort to He is a cautious man. He knows a great occasion, the celebration of the merits of the dispute may be lost are constrained to believe that Government. It is not this venal the dictation of Sir Edward Carson, maintain the unity of the State is very well that in conceding to Ire- an Episcopal Jubilee. and time-serving section of the press adopted the strange doctrine that too great for the power of Great land complete fiscal independence that dees honor to the British name because the forces of disorder Britain, or the only means by which and the same right in military and organ, with indispensable functionor is loyal to the best British tradi- commit one murder the forces of it is found maintainable are meas- naval matters as any other Dominion ing power in that wondrous Organtions. Thank God, now as always, law and order are entitled to ures clearly repugnant to the he is not going beyond the judgment is mof which the soul and creator is grant the increased wage demand pean policy of the last year could there are voices raised for right and commit two, and to ruin the homes humanity and the justice and the of his followers, and, I may add, is Christ Himself. Catholics always provided the miners will guarantee have been worse had it been made justice and liberty. And we believe and property of thousands of inno. democratic principles of the British not going beyond the judgment of and everywhere instinctively receg. increased production. Perhaps Cana. solely at Ottawa. But be that as it

to the British name and to there is so much Hunnishness in every effort to enforce just laws by ligent supporters, both Unionist and reverence for the Episcopal office; a appreciate the following illustration British interests than to reproduce high places that one is forced to just methods, our justice itself, from Liberal, of the Coalition Govern- respect and reverence that is deeper of the meaning of this condition: here some of those ringing British believe that there is much truth in whatever cause, remains hateful to ment. denunciations of the brutal tyrannies | the saying that the chief result of | the mass of the Irish people—then it of British mis-government in Ire a great war is an exchange of will be clear that the Union must, Mr. Asquith will carry with him all of Christ's Church—whether conqualities between the combatants !" for the sake of England no less than the Independent Liberal party in the sciously so, or unconsciously mison houses from which men and Ireland." boys are taken to be bayonetted and shot, at the caprice of this or that scoundrel in uniform, are the evictions of hundreds of peasants at the eous methods of terrorism and espionage known to a political police bidden by its employers to forget the the Island of Barbadoes. When law-are these methods repugnant examined with a pocket lens, or not to 'the humanity and the Arran earth is found to be full of of the English people '? If they are, let public men speak out, for at present it looks as if we were bent glass; and the prevailing shape is a on bringing on ourselves a worse six-sided prism capped at either end repreach than Germany carned in 1914 when she went into a great. crime almost without a protest. examined, the revelation is, if possi-The German politicians had at least ble, more surprising. Here, also, is the excuse that their country was at a vast assemblage of small glassy or

> will find for their silence today." from the "anti-British" press and the contour is entirely different. anti-British " public men of Great only truly British expression of mented with small sculptured discs conclude with this passage from an article in Truth.

> be condoned, and if the policy which sents a vision of magic beauty. they express is to be continued. I trust that protests will be heard in as the most shameless race of hypocrites that ever walked the these little urns of the Polycystinae earth. Whether we are so or not, except Life."-Natural Law we shall certainly deserve to be regarded when we tolerate in our own Government what we denounce as the blackest crimes in the Govern-

ment of foreign countries." Anti British !

Is A. G. Gardiner anti-British? Is Lord Henry Bentinck anti-Bryce anti-British ? Is Lord Morley anti-British? Is Herbert Asquith anti-British when in righteous British anger he brands the present from inorganic dead matter is Life. atrocities as "the hellish policy Campbell-Bannerman anti-British ? constitutes life, just as they British? Is The Times anti-

No, the anti-British are the servile and matter. and sycophantic newspapers of courage and true patriotism to lowest form of microscopic life. denounce the infamies that would British name.

As the Manchester Guardian puts

"It is to the infinite credit of men like General Gough and Lord Henry clearly and announced it strongly. at least is the spirit of honest, right-thinking and plain speaking

MR. ASQUITES IRISH PLAN Manchester Guardian has this very of their meaning.

"Mr. Asquith's new Irish plan First Epistle to the Corinthians.

ment of England's case against Home timid than he proves to be, but it "the Roman Hierarchy." God output of coal at the present time Rule. Are the murders and burn- will hardly be possible for them to knows what monstrous conception was largely, if not entirely, in the ings of Fermoy, Tuam, Balbriggan, hang back now that he has pushed they have under that dread name. hands of the mine owners and mine Trim, Mallow, and scores of towns aside as unpractical the strategic

ARCHBISHOP McNEIL'S JUBILEE

"On one of the shelves in a cerpoint of the bayonet, are all the hid- tain museum lie two small boxes filled with earth. A low mountain in Arran has furnished the first ; the justice and the democratic principles small objects, clear as crystal, fashloned by some mysterious geometry into forms of exquisite symmetry. The substance is silica, a natural by little pyramids modelled with consummate grace. "When the second specimen is

war. That is a bad excuse, but it is porcellaneous objects built up into better than any that Englishmen ically, remains the same, but the The material, chemangles of pyramid and prism have We could multiply these extracts given place to curved lines, so that The appearance is that of a vast collection of microscopic urns, Britain. Of course they are the goblets, and vases, each richly ornareal British opinion. But we shall or perforations which are disposed over the pure white surface in urn is chiselled into the most fault-"If these acts and words are to less proportion, and the whole pre-

"Judged by the standard of their loveliness there is little to choose this country [England] as loud as Yes there is one cardinal difference any that have been raised in the between them. They belong to past against the calculated atroci- different worlds. The last belong to ties of Turks or Germans. If not the living world, the former to the we shall be branded for all time dead. The first are crystals, the last are shells.

No power on earth can make in the Spiritual World, by Henry Drum mond.

The Catholic Church is an Organism not an Organization.

All Life from the lowest vegetable to the highest, most complex and highly organized forms of animal life are clearly, definitely, and for-British? Is General Sir Hubert ever distinguished from inorganic Gough anti-British? Is Annan matter; and this is evident not to the scientist alone but to the rational anti British? Is Professor Dicey perception of the average normal man.

What distinguishes living things Scientists may discuss and dispute learnedly or otherwise about what no way affect the certainty of human knowledge of the existence of life

The living thing living by some Government and substituting one the sovereign principle of justice and misrepresent and mislead Canadian shaped, formed and vitalized by this

The most wonderful and complex better than a commonplace to realize governmental tyrannies that ever machine ever devised by the ingenations of Britons in more enlight. principle-it is not living, it does not ened days will point to the utter. and cannot possess life. In this it is ances and reverence the names of infinitely inferior to, as well as those who today have enough moral absolutely distinct from even the

Societies of men, from the smallest tions, they are not organisms. The cementing bonds of language and religion, of common ideals and purposes, the strong, even passionate ties of national sentiment, do not

further this great truth : let it suffice

For the bishop is an essential, vital at the consequences.

"There is, I think, no doubt that be expressed in words. The enemies pay twenty one cents for sugar if the for Ireland, come to an end. The House of Commons. One wonders led by some diabolic illusion — also one cents! Home Rule, but separation.' So Labour party too. So far the leaders episcopate; witness their invariable the condition of increased production wrote Professor Dicey in his state. of the Labour party have been more suspicion of and opposition to is a most difficult one, because the

and villages, are the midnight raids objection to full Dominion status for were a mere organization like other lutely no voice other than the inin twelve months.

an illuminating definition of the making any arrangement for an office of bishop by a scholarly increase of output. member of the Canadian episcopate, Bishop McDonald of Victoria. It Prime Minister before the strike was will be instructive to Catholics not | declared for the two shilling increase less than to non-Catholics :

in his office of Divine Right.

Pope's Delegate, he does not give up Head of the State. But the Bishop's ness. power of ordinary jurisdiction in his own diocese is derived from the very constitution of the Church founded by Jesus Christ, and is therefore by right Divine. True, he has to get canonical institution from the Pope, the Supreme Visible Head of the Church and Vicar of Christ on earth. and to give him an account of his stawardship from time to time, just as he will have to give some day a far more rigorous account of it to Christ Himself. But, though he has to do this, and though it is by the Pope that he is appointed to his office, and assigned to a given diocese, the Office itself carries with it the right to teach and rule the flock committed to his care in the name and by the authority of Him who said. 'All power is given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, teach all nations . . . and lo! I am with you all days, even to the end of the world."

His Grace, the Most Reverend has qualities and attributes that interesting situation. Sometimes it would give him distinction amongst is necessary, when you want a man's men of high position irrespective of real views on one subject to wait tenacious of purpose amid appar- subject. ently insurmountable difficulties, always gentlemanly, always affable, always the serious, earnest Church- from that of some people of Canada; man yet always broadly sympathetic but there can be no doubt that it been called by the Holy Ghost to British States;" and "the Sisterrule the Church of God throughout bood of British peoples," and all the the world.

of its readers and in its own name say that Canada is to have only "a otherwise indelibly disgrace the to the greatest, are social organiza- very sincerely wishes Archbishop consultative voice" on questions of McNeil ad multos annos.

THE BRITISH COAL STRIKE society. There is but one living Strike almost daze the understand. Peace; but no hint has ever reached social organism among men, and ing. It has been freely and emphatithe people of Canada that our that is the Catholic Church—the cally asserted, however for six weeks opinion, or that of our Government, Mystical Body of Christ. This is no past that Lloyd George would pro- was wanted, even in consultation mere analogy. It is reality. It voke this strike in order that he only. If anything so flattering to throws light on a hundred texts of might have a plausible excuse for the dignity of Canadian statesmen The London correspondent of the Scripture and reveals the full depth precipitating a general election had ever been mentioned, some and a popular catch-cry with which whisper of it would surely have St. Paul indicates this truth very to obscure all other issues. found its way down Parliament Hill; clearly in the Twelfth Chapter of the When one considers that the coal and some breath of political gossip strike must necessarily cause incon- would have carried it at least as We are not going here to develop venience and misery to the over far as the more English than the whelming majority of the English English coteries of Toronto. But no sight of altogether in the resentment | Mr. Lloyd George has endeavored to

Our papers have informed us that from Ottawa. that we can render no better service cent individuals as well. Nowadays people; if it should turn out that after many of the younger and more intelinize this in their deep respect and dian readers would just at this time may; whether we have any diplo-

and more soulfelt than can easily Canadians would be quite willing to

The Church is an organism; if it managers. The workmen had absohuman societies it would go to pieces fluence which the leading men among the workmen could bring to Perhaps we might give here bear on it; they had no voice in

Making an earnest appeal to the in wages Mr. Smillie said: "If the "The Bishop, in his Diccese, does increase were given and the output not represent the people; he does were not materializing, it would be not represent the Pope; he repre. the duty of the mine owners and sents Jesus Christ. He does not ourselves to meet together and ask represent the people, because he does why it was not materializing. They not get his office nor his authority say they have the capacity for from them. He is set, as the Apostle putting it out; we say our men are has it, by the Holy Ghost to rule the | willing to put it out if they have the Church. He does not represent the opportunity. . . . It would be Pope, because in all ordinary Church our duty to keep in touch with each affairs, he governs, not by delegated other, the mine owners letting us authority, but by authority inherent know they were doing their best, and we proving to them, that we were "Hence, as you may have observed doing our best, and the output should on occasion of the late visit of the reflect a joint effort of that kind."

Now this is exactly what the most his throne to the Pope's own direct enlightened students of industrial representative. In this the Epis. problems advocate. Joint control by copal Office is without example in the owners who invest their capital the civil order of jurisdiction, as we and the workers who invest their know, though there is something skill, their work, their lives. But analogous to it in our own local apparently the British mine owners parliament. Viceroys and Governors still want to regard work and workof countries and Lieutenant Gover. men as mere items in a profit-making nors derive whatever power they undertaking rather than as human have immediately from the Supreme | beings who are partners in the busi-

> ONLY A CONSULTATIVE VOICE BY THE OBSERVER

> Mr. Asquith made a very interesting statement the other day; interesting to such Canadians as may have taken seriously the recent talk about Canada's status in the Empire.

Speaking in favor of Home Rule for Ireland on Dominion lines, Mr. Asquith said: "There are genuine friends of a dominion settlement who are perturbed by the special dangers they think they see in regard to the question of strategy and foreign policy. I see no difficulty whatever. No dominion has anything more than a consultative voice in these matters. We do not propose to give Ireland more than

we give to any other dominion." In other words, Canada has no vote on "foreign policy," though it may at any time involve her in a war, and call for the lives of 60,000 Canadians. More than that, Eng. Neil McNeil, apart from the high land does not contemplate giving office he holds in the Church of God, her any such vote. That is a very religion. Scholarly, urbane, quietly till you find him discussing another

Mr. Asquith's idea of Canada's status in the Empire differs greatly to whatever may be proposed from represents the thought of English any source for the general good, statesmanship at the present time. Archbishop McNeil is not the least Despite hours of speechmaking distinguished nor the least suc- about "the Society of British cessful of the chosen few who have nations;" and the "Commonwealth of rest of it, I, for one, am not sur-The CATHOLIC RECORD in the name prised to hear an English statesman "foreign policy."

Indeed, I take leave - to doubt whether she is to be given even that. Great questions of "foreign The magnitude and the stupendous policy" have been under anxious get along without even a suggestion

the mine owners are quite willing to At that, I do not see how his Euro-