

"THE SOVIET REGIME IN RUSSIA is a ghastly colossal failure." That pronouncement, we gathered, was not based on any off-hand judgment of this one man. He had had, he revealed, a source of information which, so far as intimate and prolonged practical experience of the country was concerned, was second to none. . . . "Russia was just an example of what happens to a country that undermines constitutional society."

In this connection Mr. Marks told of a notable piece of advice given to him to be passed on to the Prime Minister of Australia: "Strengthen up your passport system." From what he at the same time revealed concerning the cunning and insidious zeal of the agents of that same Soviet, we trust the injunction will be heeded and practiced in other parts of the British Empire too. We repeat it in capitals: "STRENGTHEN UP YOUR PASSPORT SYSTEM!"

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VANCOUVER CITY NOW HAS NUMEROUS "CLUBS," Service, and other, and no doubt it is difficult for loyal citizens to keep up connection with all they would like, but so long as the Canadian Club has such a secretary as Mr. J. R. V. Dunlop, alert to secure such speakers as Hon. Walter M. Marks proved himself to be, there should be no question of the prime social service and indeed national utility of such an organization. We are assuming that, in connection with this speaker, Mr. Dunlop was, as usual, "on the job." In any case, we congratulate him, President Baird and the body of representative men associated with them on the Executive of this Club, in that this excellent Imperialist was heard in Vancouver.

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WAS IT THE EXECUTIVE OR A BUREAU OF VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE that sent the cablegram to Premier Baldwin before the election? And did we see the course questioned? For our part, while ordinarily the reasoning about "not interfering in the internal affairs of another country or another part of the Empire" may be sound, we think any message that tended to emphasize the importance of developing and strengthening inter-imperial relations, was entirely in place. More: if we might venture in a duly modest way to send a message to Premier Baldwin and his new British Cabinet, it would be something like this: Because of his personal worth and unqualified earnestness, we have a wholesome respect for the past Premier, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who was, we inferred, hampered by unhappy political associates. . . . But here in Far Western Canada we have longed to see a Premier and Cabinet in power in the Central Homeland who would not only recognize that the time is opportune for MORE IMPERIAL INTERCHANGE, economically and otherwise, but who would, in Canadian phrase, "Get a move on," and GET SOMETHING PRACTICAL DONE affecting Inter-Empire Preference, Immigration, etc., etc. . . .

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AT THE RISK OF SEEMING IMPERTINENT we are tempted to add that we have heard of government "doles" to the Homeland people, and that such a system was extended even to Scotland! Well, after-the-war conditions may have justified procedure (*pro tem.*) that would be extra-ordinary and questionable at any other time. But—not to elaborate the theme—we, with British-born experience and years of residence in Canada too, have been disposed to question all along re those "doles," if almost every pound sterling of them might not have been spent—or now be spent?—to

MUCH better advantage on a system of assisted immigration WITHIN THE EMPIRE? . . . This Province of British Columbia alone has natural wealth—in more forms than we can recount in a note—which if developed by British capital, and handled by British "unemployed," would not only make for the healthful expansion of this Dominion, but in the process provide independence and more spacious and comfortable homes for millions of our fellow citizens from the overcrowded districts of England and Scotland. The Irish will be welcome too—if they'll do all their fighting before they come over! Then, politics apart, it goes without saying that big and "Little Welshmen" alike are among the types we are always glad to find in Western Canadian communities. But, if in that connection, we may venture another bold word, we should say that any British Premier or other prominent statesman, who sets out to visit this Canada of Ours, will commit a very serious error of judgment if he allows any programme-maker to prevent him seeing British Columbia. Its scenery itself is admittedly second to none, and its potentialities for Empire and world-service are only now beginning to be known.

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WE VENTURE TO HOPE THAT WHEN PREMIER BALDWIN and his Cabinet are fairly settled in office they will plan that each member in turn may have an Empire-touring holiday—for recreation, for information, and to help in the completion of his education for the great and noble task of lasting Empire-building.

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