Irish Trouble is Expected to Pass

NO REAL CLASH.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The first rumblings of the local thunder that will be heard when the Royal Commission reports on the Ulster boundary question are beginning to disturb the equanimity of many interested persons. Yet it is insisted in both Dublin and Belfast that there is no likelihood of any real clash in spite of the recrudescence of Republican outbreaks in the Free State.

In Londonderry, Nationalists fearing that the report may be true that they are to remain in Ulster, are already protesting against the ignoring and flouting of the wishes of the inhabitants," while Senator McLoughlin in the Free State Senate yesterday wanted to know what steps were being taken to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants in disputed territory, for it is alleged he said that the "old Die Hard game of treachery is afoot."

Dublin and Belfast are both full of the strangest reports about the findings of the Commission. The Free State has already found it necessary to deny the ridiculous report that they were ready to take over 20 post offices in as many towns on the border. As a matter of fact there are not 20 such towns. So that the denial is hardly needed but until the report is actually made public these rumors are going to agitate the population. It is obvious, however, that neither side wants any trouble and the shrewdest observers in Belfast and Dublin, while admitting that a storm is brewing, think it will pass quickly.

Meanwhile Bishop Wakefield of Birmingham is urging that the Prince of Wales should go to both Belfast and Dublin, for he believes in the good that would be done by his personality, saying, "I believe that the Free State would respond to his splendid longing to see what should be the jewel of the Imperial Commonwealth."

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Why Ratepayers Should Vote

There is a great opportunity for boards of trade and similar public organizations throughout the country to perform a valuable community service in directing the attention of the municipal ratepayers to the importance of exercising their votes. The resolution passed by the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce at the Kingston convention recently urging the member bodies to make a determined effort, in conjunction with other local organizations, to have a larger vote polled in municipal elections, so that public interests in civic affairs may be stimulated and good men encouraged to offer themselves for election is very much to the point.

It has been estimated that more than $200,000,000 of the $600,000,000 taxes being collected annually in Canada is for municipal expenses. The boards of trade can render much better service in arousing the people to the importance of exercising their right to control these expenditures and seeing that the various municipal funds and departments are efficiently administered through putting good candidates in the field and supporting them.

They should also use their influence to discourage those campaigns for local improvement which appeal to the pride of the community, but which are very often beyond its means.

It is becoming trite to say that the ratepayers of a municipality are in effect the shareholders of a public service corporation, but there is no more apt way of putting the situation.—Financial Post.

Not Bright Enough for His Business

A veteran white-wing took his boy to the president of a large bank and said, "I want you to start my boy in the banking business, first as an office boy, next as messenger and on up the ladder as book-keeper, teller, cashier, and so on, up to president."

The executive, not very much impressed with the lad, answered, "That's a good idea, but why not start him in your own line, first as a sweeper, then driver, foreman, superintendent and onto the Street Commissioner?"

"Well," replied the old man, "I'd thought of that, but, you see, the boy's not right bright."

Expenditure Going Up

"There is some cause for concern on an examination of the other side of the national accounts, which reveals a heavy increase in expenditure," says Lloyd's Bank Monthly. "The expenditure for the year to March 31, 1925, was £793,777,000, an increase of over six millions upon the final estimates for that year. For the current year the Chancellor budgeted for an expenditure of £792,400,000. The actual sum expended for the first half of the year has reached £379,906,760, an increase of £19,414,765 as compared with 1924."

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GOSSE-MILLERD AND OTHERS ABSORB SMALLER PLANTS.

Directors of B.C. Fishing are expected to meet in the very near future to take dividend action. The company has had an excellent year and sold its large 1925 stock before it was ready for the market.

B.C.'s pack this year will total 1,500,000 cases, which is slightly under the 1924 total of 1,745,313 cases.

At the time this estimate was made only cohoes and chums remained and this will be finished this month.

Some Disappointments.

Naas and Skeena Rivers produced a smaller pack of sockeye than was expected, but the shortage was more than made up for by the unusually large run in Rivers Inlet and Smiths Inlet district. The catch of pinks in the northern districts was unsatisfactory despite the large amount of gear in the water. The pink run on the Fraser River was also disappointing, less than 100,000 cases being packed in that area. The odd numbered years are the large years for pinks on the Fraser River and a pack double the size of that put up was expected. The short pack was not due to a failure in the run but due rather to the intensive fishing on Puget Sound (through which the fish have to pass on their way to the Frazer River to spawn). The schools of fish escaping the traps on the American side were broken up at the boundary by large numbers of American seine boats and few escaped to the Fraser River. While the Fraser River packers ended the season with approximately 90,000 cases of pinks, American packers in Puget Sound put up approximately 550,000 cases.

The market condition has, however, been a source of satisfaction to the packers. The 1924 pack did not go well, but this year the United Kingdom, which is the largest buyer of Canadian salmon in normal times, has come back to sock-eye salmon for its first-class labels after a trial of Siberian salmon. The Canadian-Australian treaty, which affords a preference of $1.50 per case on Canadian salmon, also helped to stiffen the market and brought the price of sockeye up to a point where some profit could be made. Unfortunately for the canners the greater portion of the pack of sockeye was sold before the high prices were reached, but the average price of around $14 per case for sockeye represented an improvement over the $12.50 price reigning in 1924. With the exception of cohoe salmon, which rose somewhat, the other grades of salmon were unchanged as far as prices are concerned. Up to the end of September approximately 500,000 cases of this year's pack had been shipped.

The trend towards consolidation among the packers continues. Canadian Fishing Co. has purchased the three Kildala plants and now operates eight canneries. Northern B.C. Fisheries Kimsquit Canneries was taken over by Gosse-Millerd Co. which has 8 plants and to-day six concerns are operating two-thirds of the B.C. canneries.

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Just Folks.

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INDIAN SUMMER.

Sometimes when loud the laughter rings
And love and mirth light every glance,
A dainty, old grandmother springs
Upon the floor to share the dance;
Lifting her petticoats she shows
That once she tripped on nimble toes,
While all her children's children see
How beautiful she used to be.

Or strangely in an old man's eyes
A twinkle flashes now and then
Which causes him erect to rise
To show his skill to younger men;
A ring is made, and small and big
Applaud while Grandpa does a jig,
Giving a brave, but brief display
Of splendor that has passed away!

Thus in the proper time and place
Age oft relieves its earlier days,
Youth comes once more to light the face,
And set the tired-old eyes ablaze.
A brave brief spell of joy is flung
From one who is no longer young,
An old man jigs upon the mat,
And Indian summer seems like that!

Household Notes.

A shelf under the kitchen sink will provide a convenient space for the dishpan.

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