

how Ireland could hope to build this marine. Sinn Fein replied and replies that Ireland can build this marine as Norway—a country with half our population and less than half our wealth—has built here: **by the people forming joint-stock shipping companies.** In Norway a few score or a few hundred workmen, sailors or fishermen club together and buy or build a ship. They send it out around the world to look for trade and thus they have built up the third greatest mercantile marine in existence, and made profit for their country and themselves.

"Believing that the Irish are not less men and not less intelligent than the Norwegians I suggest in all seriousness that the way to build up a mercantile marine is the Norwegian way, and that until we do build up that marine our trade and commerce will continue at England's mercy and its expansion will be impossible. . . . Ireland has no trade representatives abroad. The Consuls of the so-called United Kingdoms boycott Irish industries in the countries to which they are accredited. . . . Sinn Fein proposed:—'The establishment of an Irish Consular service for the advancement of Irish Commerce and Irish interests generally.'

"Twenty Irishmen sent to the twenty chief trading countries of the world whose goods Ireland purchases, to seek Ireland's share of their trade would cost the Irish people £10,000 annually. If they secured for Ireland 1 per cent. of the annual trade of those countries it would mean an increased revenue of £20,000,000 annually for Ireland."

This is the Sinn Fein idea of one way to break England's "monopoly of the Irish market," one of the "richest things in her possession."—A monopoly which forcing Ireland into the English market alone—forces her there "to sell at England's price and to buy at England's price."

While Griffith's keen pen and intellect probe every dubious cranny of the political, social and economic administration of Ireland Professor Eoin MacNeil has been extending his activities outside Ireland. Not into America, because he is for some occult reason of Dublin Castle permitted no communication with America. (Perhaps this is for the same august and incommunicable reason that George Bernard Shaw was prohibited from going to America some months