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Interest Taken In British Politics.

It is wonderful what a great interest is taken here in British politics just as there is in any great issue in American politics, only probably more so. While the United States is nearer to us than Great Britain, geographically speaking, Great Britain is closer, politically speaking. It is only necessary to stop some person on the street and broach British politics and you have him going. He takes sides just as if he were in the Old Land.

Because of this interest generally, the rift between Lloyd George and Lord Oxford and Asquith reported yesterday excited much comment. Many people here have no sympathy with either, their leanings being toward the party led by Premier Baldwin, but the fact that the Asquith group would probably join the Conservatives if they left the Liberals, makes it of great interest even to them.

More Individuality In British Politics.

In Canadian political life the caucus decides almost everything for the party but the lead of the Prime Minister is also very marked. In Britain they seem to depend even more on their leaders and the rank and file have little to say. The leaders make pronouncements on important questions without consulting their followers with the result that it is rather difficult for the tail-enders to know where they stand. They have a right to express their views and to object to the stand of their leaders but if they do much of that they are likely to find themselves without a seat at the next election. Without the endorsement of the party they can do little, especially if their party puts up another candidate against them.

While individuality is a good thing in all walks of life, there also has to be co-operation and co-operation is best secured through the political caucus. When members of the same faith gather to thrash out details and the discussions are behind closed doors, there can be much plain talking without the enemy seizing on it to influence the country against them. Then it is that policies are evolved or upset.

Queer People In Every Community.

"He is a nice person but just a little queer" is an expression which is sometimes heard. It means that in some respect he is different from the common ruck. There is an outstanding feature about him that his fellows cannot quite understand or appreciate. Possibly the "queer" person is a woman, in which case it is even more noticeable than in a man.

Sometimes these "queer" traits in a person are of a childish nature, an indication of weakness. In others they may be intellectual outcroppings that distinguish them as being above their fellows in that particular respect.

Everyone has heard of the military recruit who thought all the rest of the company was out of step but him. So it is many of the queer people look on the rest of mankind. To him they are all "queer." They differ from him and so cannot be normal.

These differences between persons are marks of individuality and often are to be desired. If developed too much they become a nuisance to the rest of the community and sometimes the persons possessing them are shut up in an institution provided for the purpose where they cannot annoy their fellows.

SHIP THROUGH CANADIAN PORT

Danger of Mixing When Wheat Goes Out Through United States is Proved

INCREASE THAT WAY

Only Way to Protect Home Grower is to Ship Only Through Own Ocean Outlets

The danger of shipping through United States ports and the consequent loss to Canadian growers through doing so is set forth in an article in the Journal of Commerce published at Gardenvale. The article says in part:

The statement made in the last bulletin that "Canadian hard wheat had lost its premier position in the markets of the world and suffered a serious slump in price since being exported in large quantities through United States Atlantic ports" has brought many requests for further information on this point. "This is a matter of greater importance than the difference of a few cents in railway rates," says one writer, "and I would like to see the evidence upon which you base your statements." "Your statement is startling if correct," says another writer.

This is a fine example of how the public may become excited over a condition even to the extent of having a Royal Commission appointed to investigate; but by the time the commission's report is presented the public interest in the matter is so completely dead that the report passes unnoticed, no matter how serious a situation it may disclose.

Immense Increase

The shipments of Canadian wheat through the U.S. Atlantic ports during the last six crop years, were as follows:

Year	Bushels
1919-20	13,023,281
1920-21	54,193,010
1921-22	400,009,466
1922-23	429,871,095
1923-24	141,079,337
1924-25	162,000,000

In the autumn of 1922, reports began to appear to the effect that Canadian wheat, passing in bond through the United States to tide water, was being tampered with and was being mixed with American soft wheat.

In the session of 1923, the speech from the Throne announced that a Parliamentary inquiry would be held into agricultural conditions generally, including matters affecting the grain trade. This announcement was met in the House of Commons by a general demand for the appointment of a Royal Commission. Later in the session a special committee of the House was appointed, which after a number of sittings reported:

Inquiry Made

"That in the opinion of the committee it is advisable and in the interests of agriculture in this country, that a full and searching inquiry should be made into all aspects of the grain trade in Canada, and for this purpose a Royal Commission should be appointed, clothed with full powers, not only from the Dominion Government, but from all provinces desiring to co-operate in such an inquiry."

The report was concurred in unanimously by the House, and on May 1, 1923, a Royal Commission was appointed as follows: Judge W. F. A. Turgeon, chairman; Prof. W. J. Rutherford, Prof. D. A. McGibbon, Jas. D. Scott.

The commission made its report to the Minister of Trade and Commerce on January 7, 1925, and was printed for general distribution only a few months ago.

Evidence

The following extract is taken from this report:

"It would appear that certain shipments of Canadian wheat mixed with American soft wheat delivered to apply on straight Canadian certificates have been received in England. The number of instances has not been large. The publicity which these shipments have received in trade circles and the alarm that they have created in Great Britain are significant of the extreme sensitiveness of the British market to any tampering with the quality of grain supplied on Canadian Certificate Final. In tracing statements about illicit mixing of Canadian wheat in the United



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States made to us at many points we found invariably that they related to the cases investigated by Messrs. Boyd and Seris and covered in their report submitted on November 24, 1923. Mr. Commissioner Rutherford, however, reports another and more recent instance, that of the steamship "Trevider" from Philadelphia, of the arrival in the Old Country of a cargo of grain under Canadian Certificate Final showing strong evidence of admixture.

Canadians Lose

Inasmuch as the price which the Canadian grain grower receives is mostly determined by the price of which his wheat brings on the Winnipeg market, it would appear that the Canadian grain grower is losing something in the neighborhood of 50¢ per bushel, as a result of the degrading of Canadian wheat that has taken place through the United States Atlantic ports. It would also appear that the

onus for this situation rests with the Winnipeg grain merchant and shipper, who seems to be quite satisfied to continue to ship through the United States Atlantic ports in ever-increasing quantities as long as the Dominion Government does not interfere.

If these merchants are buying the Canadian grain-growers' wheat at the degraded Canadian Certificate price, as determined on the Winnipeg market, and selling in European markets on sample, they must be in receipt of a substantial margin, all of which of course comes out of the grain-growers' pocket.

Waste of Money

It would seem like a waste of money to maintain an elaborate and expensive machinery for the inspection and grading of Canadian wheat and, at the same time, permit any benefits that might thereby accrue to be wiped out because of neglect to see that these grades are maintained until the wheat reaches its market.

In fact, it is worse than wasted, because by attempting to grade and sell on the Canadian Certificate final the chances of the buyer getting a lower grade than he buys, without redress, unless he goes to the expense of proving fraud, lead him to bid lower than he would if bidding on the L.A.Q. plan where he would be assured of a fair settlement.

Under the existing circumstances, the Canadian wheat

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