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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Some few people seem to be criticizing the Mackenzie King government for opening legations in foreign countries just like a full-fledged nation would do without having the diplomatic correspondence trickle through the office of the secretary for the Dominions. They can go on criticizing the government if they want to but we should like to just point out that it was the Borden government that made the first arrangements for the American legation, although it was only recently that the first appointment to the office was made.

POSITION OF P.G.E.

It must be terrible to be a "not wanted" child like the P.G.E. The poor creature has no mother or father, is disowned by everybody, has no visible means of subsistence and everyone is wishing it would commit suicide. Possibly it may grow up to be great and useful and even spectacular but the chances are against it.

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

The Dominion fisheries department is doubtless in a difficult position. The fishermen and canners cannot agree as to what they want, but the salmon must be protected. First an order goes out to cut off the licenses of all those who are not full fledged citizens, regardless. Protests at once reach the department and they change the order in accordance with the wishes of the protestants. Then it is understood that one line trolling is to be the rule, but the department through its officials in the south denies this when protests have begun to arrive. Possibly pretty soon order may develop from the present chaos. At any rate it is to be hoped that nothing will be done to injure the industry either by decimating the fish or by putting the fishermen out of business or working a hardship on them.

WHAT IT MEANS TO B.C.

Yesterday an enlightening article was published in this paper telling of the benefits that would accrue to the province through the Dominion recognizing the claim of the province of British Columbia to the railway lands and the Peace River Block. So far these lands have not been turned over but the promise is made that legislation will be introduced into parliament providing that this be done.

The lands and forests and mines should be worth a great deal to the province. Not only is there the present income derived from those lands but there is a prospective extension as the development of the country takes place. When the Peace River belt is surveyed doubtless is will be found to be even more valuable than is at present suggested. At any rate it is a good thing to have this question settled and the lands managed from the province instead of from Ottawa.

EQUALITY, CO-OPERATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Premier Mackenzie King says that the desire of the government in regard to Imperial relations shall be "equality, co-operation and responsibility." That seems to be a pretty good motto and would be just as good if it had been uttered by Mr. Bennett. In fact it is the motto of both sides speaking for all of Canada. We want equality with all other parts of the Empire, we want to work with them and expect them to work with us. The last mentioned work is the hardest to live up to. We must realize our own responsibility to the Empire and do our part as a member equal with all the others. We must be ready to defend ourselves and help defend them just as we expect them to defend themselves and help defend us. They cannot do that without ships and neither can we. They must have airplanes and aviators and so must we. The time has not yet arrived when we may look very confidently for world peace. A good police force, at any rate, is necessary and this police force must be equipped. Canada must do her share in this matter if she is to properly realize her responsibility as an equal factor in the British Empire.

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CANADA QUITE BACKWARD IN TOWN PLANNING

Report to Surveyors' Convention Says Municipal Heads Were Inclined to Scoff at Movement

VANCOUVER A SHINING LIGHT

Much is Being Done in Pacific Coast City, and Whole Dominion is Urged to Take Hold of the Idea

OTTAWA, Feb. 2. —(By Canadian Press).—"There is really a remarkable awakening to the significance and value of town-planning throughout Canada, even though the movement is not yet commensurate in its scope with that of other countries," said Carl Engler, D.L.S., in concluding the report of the Town Planning Committee presented at the annual convention of Dominion Land Surveyors which opened here yesterday.

No sensible man, said Mr. Engler, is now asking whether town planning is a fad. The movement has justified itself in all directions and is accepted throughout the world, as is shown by the fact that each year representatives from about 40 nations are gathering in international town and regional planning conferences. It seems to have passed the experimental stage and to have become an established and expanding practice in all civilized countries.

WORK IN BRITAIN

The report of the committee draws attention particularly to the present status of town planning in Great Britain and the United States. It is surely significant, it is stated, that a leading country like Great Britain has come to regard town planning as a health measure comparable to universal sanitation, and has established obligatory town planning on all towns of 20,000 population and over and has now nearly 600 towns under planning law, with 52 regional plans in course of development, comprising vast aggregations of cities, towns and rural areas, and that the United States has also about the same number of towns under planning law, with about 20 regional plans in preparation.

While Canada is indeed making some progress it is significant of our backwardness on this side of the line, said Mr. Engler, that the Niagara Frontier Regional Planning project, now comprising about 65 municipalities on the American side of the river, had its origin in the suggestions of Canadian planners. The Americans caught on to the idea and established an organization to realize it. In Canada, he said, it was scoffed at by municipal authorities as both visionary and impossible.

PROGRESS IN STATES

The amazing progress of town planning in the United States is attributed to a central or federal government town planning agency which assists the movement in every possible way, especially by the periodical issue of zoning primers, model enabling acts and other literature. Canada also established a central educational agency in the federal town-planning office established in 1915 with a town-planning adviser and staff, including two engineers and two architects. It has not functioned in vain, states the report, but with the disruption of the Commission of Conservation to which it was attached, its staff was largely disbanded and its activities severely limited.

The most striking evidence of results in Canada of educational effort is the fact that all the provinces, with the exception of Quebec (which province however, is understood to be shaping a provincial act), have passed Town Planning Acts. Some of these have been entirely fruitless due to indisposition on the part of the provincial governments to appoint technical and educational staffs to make the acts effective and intelligible to the municipalities concerned.

VANCOUVER QUOTED

Vancouver was referred to as the shining light among Canadian municipalities in regard to town planning. A great regional plan for Greater Vancouver is in progress—an interim zoning bylaw has been passed and this will soon be superseded by a comprehensive bylaw. A major street report has been prepared and presented to the city council, also a preliminary report on railway transportation and harbor development. Point Grey and all the municipalities around Vancouver are engaged in town planning. In Victoria a zoning bylaw is ready for final passage by city council. The planning of the University Endowment Lands at Vancouver is referred to as a magnificent project resulting in the growing up of a university city on the headland of Point Grey planned in every detail on modern town planning lines. Vancouver is making full use of the authority conferred by the British Columbia Town Planning Act passed in 1925. That city, said Mr. Engler, is being entered in a thousand town-planning documents all over the world as the most progressive city in Canada.

PRAIRIE TOWNS

Reviewing progress in other parts of Canada the committee report stated that interest is reviving in Calgary, where a city plan was prepared in 1914 but was considered too elaborate to follow; Edmonton is forming town-planning committees and the Premier of Alberta has declared his intention of promoting town-planning; Regina has passed a town-planning bylaw; Saskatoon has appointed a Town Planning Commission; the province of Saskatchewan has a town-planning director who is guiding the destinies of new towns and during the past year has examined no less than 18 proposed new townsites; Winnipeg is bracing itself for action and a local branch of the Town Planning Institute is being formed.

In Eastern Canada, Kitchener passed a zoning bylaw some years ago and recently London has taken similar action. The City Improvement League of Montreal has toiled for many years to promote a comprehensive plan and it is now proposed to raise $30,000,000 on a town-planning debenture. Quebec is committed to the appointment of a town-planning commission.

In Ottawa, the report points out, there is now a Federal District Commission whose plans may develop into a regional plan for the whole district and in this respect may compare with many other capitals of the world, including London and Washington, which are engaged in such regional projects. Australia on the other hand, has planned its new capital from the beginning, Canberra being built on garden city lines from virgin territory.

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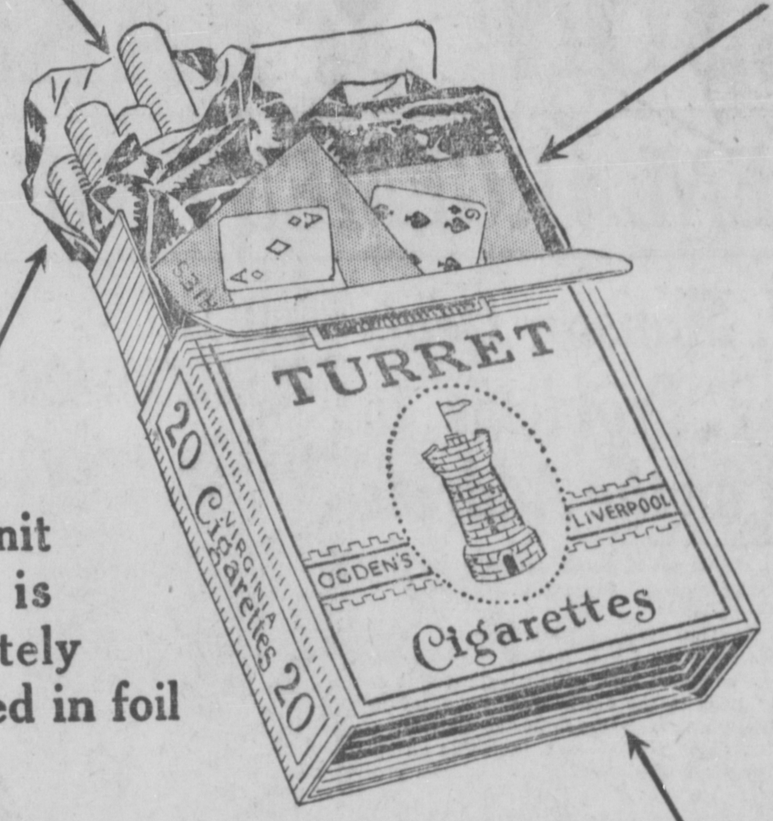

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