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Home Rule For Scotland-England-But Irishman is Leading Movement

(By LOUIS MILLIGAN)

Just when the English had got rid of—or thought they had got rid of the pesky Home Rule for Ireland question, what should happen but that the Scots are out on the heather with their bagpipes, claymores, kilts and a demanding Home Rule for Scotland. True, they are not shooting the landlords—there are

none left worth shooting — nor are they singing, "They're hangin' men and women for the wearin' o' the Thistle." But they are chanting "Scots Wha Hae," with an Irish accent. The movement was started by John McCormick, K.C., a name which reeks more of Dublin than Edinburgh, and the old defiant affirmation of Macgregor now runs: "Me foot's on my adopted heath, and me name's McCormick!"

The political relations between Scotland and England have been friendly enough since the Act of Union, and there has been little complaint from the Scots, for they got the best of the bargain, as usual. They not only retained their independence, they swarmed over the border—not to steal the cattle of Sassenach, as form most of the high positions in politics, finance and industry. This invasion from the North was bitterly described in that scurrilous book, "The Unspeakable Scot," by an Englishman, T. W. H. Crosland, as follows: "He is a fine gentleman whose father toils with a muck-fork. . . He is the bandy-legged lout from Tiltedulesleugh, who drops his threadbare kilt and comes south in a slop suit to instruct the English in the arts of civilization and in the English language."

Crosland, it should be stated, was a cross-grained Yorkshireman, who had himself migrated to London with a determination to crash the editorial sanctums of Fleet Street. But he found that the Scots had been there before him and had taken all the big jobs in the Fourth Estate. Indeed he found Scotsmen ahead of him everywhere, as another writer put it: "The Englishman is

painfully aware that it is the Scot who thrusts him aside in the contest for many of the best prizes." Which reminds one of the old joke about the Scot who returned and was asked how he liked the English, and replied: "I didn't meet any, I only saw the heads of departments."

EVEN HADRIAN WARY

Crosland's satire on the Scots—he called them the "Scotch"—was very acid. He said that the Roman Emperor Hadrian "had the excellent sense to build a wall for the purpose of keeping the Scotch out of England." That it was "a Scotchman who introduced thistles into Canada, and that (very likely) it was a Scotchman who introduced rabbits into Australia." He said there were "only about three decent Scotchmen in England, one of whom is half English, the second half Irish, and the third (week in and week out) half drunk." This latter may have been Crosland himself, for he was reputed to have spent most of his time in the pubs of Fleet Street. He was a brilliant writer and no mean poet, none the less.

But the days of Scottish monopoly in London appear to have passed. A writer in The Recorder, who signs himself "A Welshman," says: "The Scot goes about London looking as if he is daily having a raw deal from the English. He is inclined to be morose, and in those long silences to which he is prone in company—when the innocent English imagine he is thinking—I suspect he is harboring dark thoughts on his present discontents in England. He is not happy perhaps because there are now so many Government departments filled by so many 'foreigners' in these islands, and in Fleet Street he grieves because in newspapers the Scots have lost their old supremacy." From my observation, they seem to have yielded their supremacy largely to Welshmen. The invasion began with Lloyd George, followed by a garrulous host of Men of Harlech from the coal mines of South Wales, who were chiefly responsible for the Labor Government. Between the Scotch and the Welsh, the English may well demand Home Rule for England. The writer in The Recorder suggests that the reason for the

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O. Havroy, 171 Third Avenue East, repairs, \$400.
E. Johnson, 339 Fifth Avenue West, re-roofing, \$325.

Home Rule for Scotland movement is that "the Scots are angry about controls, regulations, and regimentation" under Socialism. "They are fed up and frustrated. They are tired of being messed about by Whitehall." That may be part of the trouble, but I believe the great influx of the Irish into Scotland, especially around Glasgow, has a great deal to do with the movement. Crosland wrote his book in 1902, and at that time he claimed that the Scotch were not capable of producing agitators, but if any did arise they would be "just as troublesome and just as noisy and truculent as is the Irish Party in their demand for Home Rule." Well, the agitators have arisen, but they are led by an Irishman, and his name's McCormick.

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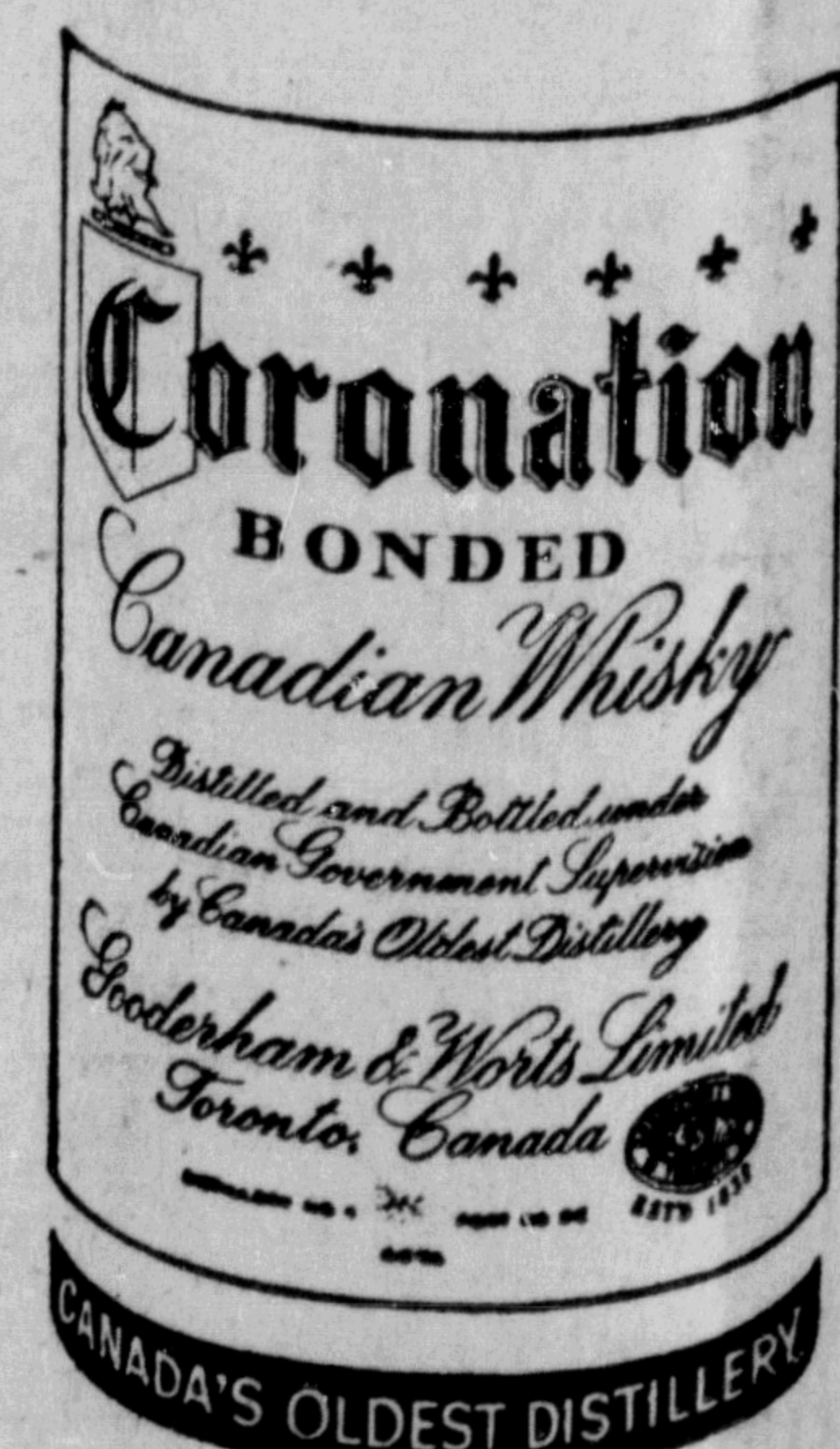
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