

THE GREAT CONFERENCE

By J. L. Garvin
The delegates of the Five Powers are in London; conversation has already begun. Franco-Italian relations are the hardest of all. To the fortunes of the whole conference itself though not necessary to events afterwards, France depends upon the key, and it is well indeed that she is represented by the most brilliant of her younger statesmen—Monsieur Tardieu, whose personal knowledge of the English-speaking world is remarkable.

The three main issues technically are those of battleships, large cruisers and submarines.
Floating Fortresses Must Go
It is absolutely certain that unless there is drastic dealing with the floating fortresses there will be no financial economy worth speaking about, and no real change of heart as regards naval armaments. They have involved Britain and America especially in vast waste of money and they will be the mock of satire in another generation. They are the worlds worst symbols of wastefulness. They are not suitable engines for an future war. They are another, unimagined, example history has furnished many of exaggerated preparation for the past war. The monstrous battleship is a monstrous fallacy. It is no longer afloat, if there is another grapple to the death between nations, will be first the apples and the life of an important people, not the life. Aircraft will bomb, burn, and sink the ports and shipping and the despoiled towns in spite of the "Nelson," "Rodney," "Dreadnought" and so forth. Rather than depend on those if we are indeed to think in realistic warfare, it would be better to have the fleet and the air force.

Germany's Famous Pocket Battleship
Germany is setting an example which may be epoch-making. Traditionally, size is the prey of brains. Size builds and science have gone into the famous German "pocket battleship" which was ever packed before the war. Contrived with original lines and reserve thought, the "pocket battleship" displacement, will be a model for any warship up to twice the size now afloat. She will be incomparable as a blockade-breaker and a commerce raider. As a hunting ship she reduces to insignificance the "cruisers" of all the world. The "pocket battleship" is the most brilliant of the modern inventions. The German "pocket battleship" is a masterpiece of design. It is a ship that can catch her, and to escape she can out-run her.

Shipbuilding in 17,000 Tons
It is understood that the conference will propose that the maximum size of any warship shall be limited to 17,000 tons. This is a proposal that will be made with every prospect of success. It is a proposal that will be made with every prospect of success. It is a proposal that will be made with every prospect of success.

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British Ambassador Hopes to Return for Longer Visit
Washington.—"I think the next fifty years belong to Canada," said Sir Esme Howard.
The British Ambassador, soon to return, returned from his farewell visit to the Dominion obviously refreshed and invigorated and full of admiration.

"It was delightful to visit Canada again and renew old acquaintanceship," he said.
Discussing the economic future of Canada, Sir Esme said that, unlike the life less fortunate countries, the Dominion's eggs were not all in one basket. He foresaw the industrialization of the country with the development of hydro electric power sources "in which it is wealthier than any other land" together with the advance in industry and the use to which vast and varied resources might be put, and proportionate and necessary increase in agricultural production.

Expressing a particular interest in the opening of Hudson Bay, Sir Esme said he wished he had been able to visit that part of the country as well as the Cobalt district.
CANADA'S NATIONALHOOD
With obvious pride the Ambassador then spoke of the Dominion's nationalhood and said he noted with a thrill of interest the national spirit of the Canadians which, inherently British, ever grew and strengthened. He observed also the breadth of the Canadian outlook reflected in the press where prominence was given to world and imperial affairs.

This was Sir Esme's first visit to Canada in the role of ambassador. He is now completing an interesting tour of the Dominion for a month or so for a private trip from Halifax to Vancouver and back. He would be glad to see the Dominion again.
"I am proud to be here," he said. "It is a great privilege to be here."

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Canada's New High Commissioner?



MAY SUCCEED LATE HON. PETER LARKIN
Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian minister to Washington, who is likely to be the next Canadian high commissioner in London, in succession to the late Hon. Peter C. Larkin, it is believed at Ottawa. George Washington Stephens, former head of the Sage governing commission in 1922-26, may be accredited to the White House to replace Mr. Massey.

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British Youths For Dominion

London.—Under an agreement between the British and Alberta Governments, 100 youths from 17 to 20 years of age are being selected by Herbert Greenfield, agent-general for Alberta, for agricultural training and settlement in Alberta by early summer. The first group will sail on March 18.

Canada-Colombia Trade Expanding

Jorge Gonzales, Consul-General, Predicts Future Steady Growth
The rise in trade between Canada and Colombia in the past seven years has been remarkable, said Jorge Gonzales, consul-general of the Republic of Colombia to Canada recently. Since he began his duties in 1923 the exports from the republic to the Dominion had increased 20 times, he added. The imports from the Dominion had increased 12 times, he added.

Senator Gonzales said that the possibilities of a still greater volume of trade between the two countries would be much enhanced by a direct line of ships between them. Canada was the only country in South America and almost unknown in Colombia. This was largely due to the fact that there was no direct communication by sea. At present goods from Canada reach Colombia only through the United States, and when the goods reached the south they were known, not as Canadian produce, but as American. Only when the produce reached Colombia to Canadian would the trade reach its full possibilities.

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Aerial Surveying During 1929

Great Areas in Canada Photographed for Mapping and Other Purposes—Extend Aerial Plane's Usefulness

With the end of the flying season of 1929 and the return of the planes to their winter quarters it is now possible to summarize the aerial work performed by the Royal Canadian Air Force for the past year. The Department of the Interior, ever since the start of the war, has been the most active in the use of the aircraft. The Department of the Interior and the Department of the Air Force have been the most active in the use of the aircraft. The Department of the Interior and the Department of the Air Force have been the most active in the use of the aircraft.

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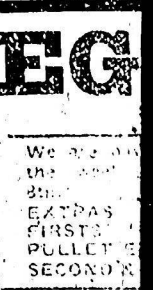
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