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FLOW OF CRITICISM STARTS OVER NAMING NEW CANADIAN ENVOY

Duties on various Commissions were one of the reasons for the clogging of County Court Judges' work, said the Attorney-General.

Answering questions in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Thomas Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, gave the following information regarding the finances of the Agricultural Development Board:

Loans outstanding on Oct. 31, 1930, \$29,442,986; amount outstanding as short-term farm loans on same date, \$142,803; total shortages to date, \$520,166; foreclosures by board in the last three years, 41 in 1928, 69 in 1929, 113 in 1930, and 78 farms bearing mortgages had been sold by the board in 1930.

A bill was introduced by F. B. Lawton by which operators of threshing machines will have a lien on the grain threshed for their services in certain cases. The bill provides that the operator of a threshing machine shall possess a certificate from the Minister of Agriculture. He will have a lien on the grain he threshes for his wages and can take enough grain to cover his charges, and after holding it for fifteen days, may sell it. Such a lien shall have priority over all other claims.

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MONTREAL GAZETTE EXPRESSES SURPRISE

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Kingston, March 9.—The Whig-Standard (Independent) has the following editorial comment regarding Canada's new Minister to the United States:

"The announcement from Ottawa that Major W. D. Herridge, a barrister, resident in the Capital, has been appointed to succeed the Hon. Vincent Massey as Canadian Minister to Washington came as something of a surprise.

"We fail to see why so many prominent and able Conservatives have been passed over in favor of a gentleman who up to a few years ago was a Liberal, and who has rendered the Conservative Party no great service. Mr. Herridge's chief claim to public fame seems to be that he is said to be Mr. Bennett's 'Colonel House.'

The Massey Incident.

"It will, of course, be pointed out that Premier Bennett has exhibited praiseworthy broadmindedness in appointing Major Herridge, and has not been bound by partisan considerations. Such a claim will not have very much weight, in view of the fact that Mr. Bennett refused to confirm the appointment to London of the Hon. Vincent Massey, who had had a brilliant career at Washington and had earned promotion, if such it could be called.

"It looks to us as though Major Herridge has been appointed primarily because he is a close personal friend of the Prime Minister. However, these appointments seem to be controlled wholly and solely by the Prime Minister

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of the day, and, naturally, he does as he likes in such matters."

The Gazette's Comment.

Montreal, March 9.—Referring editorially to the appointment of Major Herridge as Canadian envoy to Washington, the Montreal Gazette (Conservative) says: "The action of the Government will come as a surprise to the majority of Canadians, who expected that the choice would fall upon some one of experience in public life or of distinction in the public service. Such an expectation was natural and reasonable, yet the record of public affairs in Canada is by no means lacking in examples of very able men being summoned to the service of the State

from positions of comparative obscurity; there have been such experiments, and they have been successful; and in the present instance we are bound to assume that the new appointee possesses the very exceptional qualifications which the peculiar responsibilities of the Washington office make necessary. It was suggested some weeks ago, in these columns, that the Government should exercise the utmost care in filling an office in which a profound and comprehensive knowledge of Canadian affairs and interests as affected, or possibly affected, by international relations was so insistent a necessity. Such knowledge comes usually, but not invariably, from long experience in public life. Native ability, however, always counts for much in these matters, and tact and prudence, when possessed, are invaluable qualities in, if not the offensive, at least the defensive armor of an ambassador."