

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Mr. John Redmond.

Montreal Daily Mail:—Evidently there has been some heart-searching in the Nationalist party, and Mr. Redmond has vindicated his title of leadership. The triumph of his statesmanship will be welcomed by all those who value Mr. Redmond's power and influence as a vigorous supporter of the allied cause.

The Hyphenates in Canada.

QuepH Herald:—French-Canadians who made a fetish of the language question are dangerous hyphenated Canadians who cannot be allowed to win in their determination to supplement English with French in Canada. The danger of blinking at this question can be appreciated when the number of foreigners in Canada is remembered. Once grant the right to the French-speaking section and innumerable other foreigners would ask for the same privilege—and have equal right to it, too. A case in point is the embarrassing aggressiveness of the Ukrainians in western Canada, especially in Manitoba. If the Ukrainians are to be accorded these privileges, similar privileges will be claimed by the Galicians, the Bohemians, the Poles and all other foreign folk; the hope of building up a homogeneous people will have to be abandoned and Canada will become a vast polyglot Babel.

An Economic War to Follow.

Montreal Herald:—We may be quite sure that Germany is planning to wage a fiercer trade war than ever when the war is over, partly out of revenge, and partly to recoup her own staggering losses at the expense of the allies. There is no need to ask the spirit in which Canada will meet this competition. Both parties here are absolutely united in the desire to give Germany a far more severe lesson than was given her in her late trade war with Canada. But the mere desire to prevent Germany wreaking revenge in a trade war is not enough. We ought to be organizing to that end, and we ought to make it quite plain not only that Canada will co-operate in all the measures which Mr. Runciman broadly outlined yesterday, but that Canada expects Great Britain to take the strongest possible stand and lead in this direction.