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A RAW DEAL FOR LABOR

The Borden government has established another precedent. For the first time in Canada's history, United States coal companies are being given the opportunity of supplying the coal for the Dominion government railways.

Some time ago the Borden government appointed as general manager of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways an American named Mr. F. P. Gutelius, formerly in the employ of the Canadian Pacific. Subsequently, Mr. Gutelius took out naturalization papers in Canada but, apparently, he did not forget the interests of his friends across the border line for in the autumn of 1913 he purchased a large quantity of coal from United States mines for use by the Intercolonial. In explanation of that action Hon. Dr. Reid, acting minister of railways, told the Commons not long since that special circumstances had necessitated the step taken. Now, in answer to a question asked him by a Liberal member in the House last week, Dr. Reid had admitted that a dozen United States companies have been asked to tender for the contract of supplying the government railways with coal for the fiscal year 1914-15. And this is the government which declared that Canada should have "no truck or trade with the Yankees."

At the present time a number of Canadian coal mines are closed down because of lack of business; others are being worked on a part-time basis only. The coal companies are looking for orders; the miners are looking for sufficient work to enable them to maintain themselves and their families. Instead of helping the Canadian mining industry and Canadian miners by placing orders for Canadian coal for the government railways, Premier Borden and his colleagues choose this time to ask foreign mining companies to compete with Canadian mines and miners for Canadian government business.

The Borden government has been in power for nearly three years. In that time the Canadian producers have suffered from the restriction of their markets which the Liberals sought to make larger in 1911. In that time the government has increased the cost of living and new burdens are being placed upon the people by the government's upward revision of the tariff. Under the Borden government the Dominion is experiencing the worst period of financial depression in years. Factories, machine shops, mines and all industrial enterprises are operating on "short time." Unemployment prevails to an extent hitherto unknown in this country.

And Premier Borden and his ministers, instead of seeking to improve industrial conditions in the country and lessen unemployment, are taking steps through a former American citizen to give business to American companies and work to American laborers, to the detriment of Canadian mining undertakings and Canadian miners.

THE CONSUMER PAYS

A concrete example of the effect of tariffs in adding to the burdens of the people was cited in the Commons last week by Mr. Francis McCreagh, the Liberal member for Sherbrooke. Already, as he showed, the action of the Ottawa government in raising the tariff on steel has had the effect of increasing the price which Canadian consumers are compelled to pay for certain steel products.

"If there is any doubt in the minds of honorable members as to who pays for the 'encouragement' of the steel industry," he said, as reported on page 3154, Unrevised Hansard, "I will give a little personal experience. The company with which I am connected is engaged in the construction of a paper mill and we asked for prices on a large quantity of steel. Some of the orders were placed before the new tariff came in and some were

not. As regards the latter, the firms simply withdrew their (former) prices and raised them the amount of the duty."

The experience of this company will be the experience of every consumer or user of articles upon which the Borden ministry has increased the tariff protection. They will be compelled to pay heavier prices for the commodities they buy. The cost of living will be made greater for, of course, it is not food alone which enters into that cost. If goods of foreign production are bought, a portion of the increased price will find its way into the Dominion treasury in the form of duty. But the larger price will be exacted whether the goods are of foreign or domestic production. The only difference is that in the latter case the increased price will go simply to swell the profits of the Canadian manufacturer at the expense of the Canadian consumer.

The Borden government has raised the tariff considerably. Its course in so doing will hamper Canadian trade with other nations. It will bring benefit to no one but the protected favorites of the ministry whose profits will be increased. And the Canadian people will pay the piper in higher prices and a further increase in the cost of living.

The St. John Globe, which supports the Flemming government, claims that negotiations between representatives of the two political parties were carried on a short time ago with a view of dropping or curtailing the Dugal charges. The Globe is the only newspaper to set up the claim and if it possesses the proof it should give it to the public. The hack organs of the government have declared over and over again that the Dugal charges have no foundation. If this is so what does The Globe mean by insinuating that representatives of the Simon pure Flemming government were parties to a proposed deal to bamboozle the public?

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has displayed good judgment in appointing Sir Frederic Barker, Judge McKeown and W. Shives Fisher as a commission to investigate the serious charges preferred against members of the provincial government by Mr. L. A. Dugal, M.P.P. The public has every confidence in the ability and integrity of all three of the gentlemen named and it is to be hoped that they will have a free hand so that the investigation will be as thorough as it is possible to make it. The public want the facts and should have them regardless of whose reputation may be injured by the enquiry.

It is pretty well understood in political circles that the promised reorganization of the local government will include the "freezing out" of Hon. John Morrissey.

HUNDREDS PETITION FOR MR. TENNANT'S APPOINTMENT

A delegation of prominent citizens headed by Ex. Ald. John J. Weddall and Rev. Dr. Kierstead, waited upon the Provincial Government this morning and asked that Mr. Matthew Tennant be appointed police magistrate of Fredericton in succession to Col. John L. Marsh, who is about to retire after many years of faithful service. They backed up their request with a petition signed by upwards of eight hundred of the taxpayers of the city. Acting Premier Clarke replying to the delegation, promised that an appointment would be made, which would be satisfactory to the citizens.

Rev. Dr. Kierstead, who acted as spokesman for the delegation set forth the case of the petitioners in an eloquent and forcible address. He pointed out that Mr. Tennant whose appointment the delegation were urging, was a most excellent citizen who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all classes in the community. He was familiar with the conditions and was in sympathy with the higher life of the community. This he held was of greater importance than mere technical knowledge, and he felt sure that the government would make no mistake in appointing him.

being boomed for the position by In regard to Mr. Bidlake, who is a certain element, Dr. Kierstead frankly stated that he did not consider that his claims or qualifications were such as to commend him to the majority of the citizens. He had only been a citizen a short time and did not keep in close touch

Up to the present time one fishery overseer for this territory has been sufficient but the Borden government has appointed two. Have fish become more plentiful under Tory rule or has an extra official been made necessary by an increase in the number of poachers?

Dr. R. C. Weldon, ex-M.P., dean of Dalhousie Law School, has retired after many years' service.

MAY PURCHASE

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TAX COLLECTIONS.

Ald. Reid, for the Finance Committee, reported on tax collections as follows:
April 1913\$2,241.73
April 1914 1,166.81
A cheque for \$3,000 was ordered to issue in favor of the School Board on account of School Assessment.

S.P.C. GRANT VOTED DOWN.

For the Administration of Justice Committee, Ald. Walker reported that the committee had not yet formally noted in the matter of the request of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty that Detective Roberts be its special agent. The members of the committee had discussed the matter. The Police Commission had decided that Detective Roberts could not act. The society, however, was a useful one and he moved that a grant of one hundred dollars be given the S.P.C. to aid it in furnishing an agent.

Ald. Ebbett said he must bring in a minority report against the motion. He did not see why the City of Fredericton should pay for the prevention of cruelty in York or Sunbury counties. If York county would give a similar grant he would favor it. Otherwise he would favor nothing more than the payment of expenses incurred within the city.

Ald. Kitchen favored giving the grant. An agent of the S.P.C. was much needed.

Ald. Osborne favored the grant. Ald. Everett opposed it.

Mayor Mitchell stated that the City Council had placed the police force at the disposal of the S.P.C. for work within the city.

The motion was defeated on the following vote:

Yea—Kitchen, Walker, Lemont and Osborne.

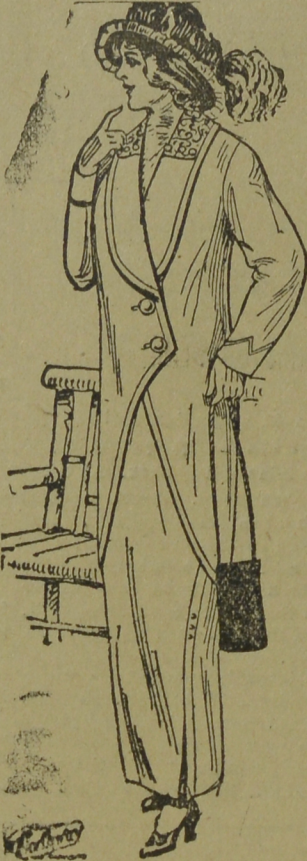
Nay—Reid, McKnight, Wilkinson, Everett and Ebbett.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.

For the Road Committee Ald. Kitchen said that tenders for curb and gutter on Regent street would be called within a week. The laying of permanent pavement would follow as soon as possible. He also had in view the purchase of a Tarvia plant. The City Clerk had written away for prices. He would lay the matter before the Council at an early date. If much Tarvia was to be laid a plant was a necessity.

Ald. Lemont said he was pleased to learn that the Road Committee was acting promptly in the matter.

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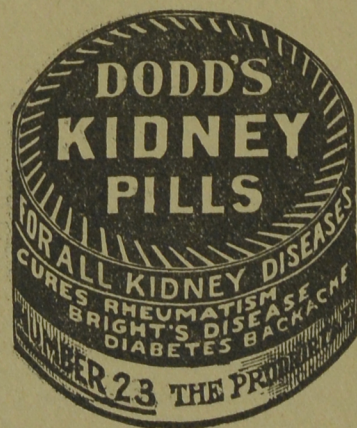
WHOLESALE The Hardware People RETAIL
Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers.

It looks as if Mackenzie and Mann who are familiarly known as Bill and Dan, are going to hold up parliament for \$45,000,000 this time. Certain Toronto financiers who bolted the Liberal party two years ago on the reciprocity issue, are behind Bill and Dan in this raid on the treasury.

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