

The Pulp and Paper Industry

Government and Paper Makers

Interference With Canada's Great Export Industry Leads to Renewal of Controversy—Is War Measures Cut Still Effective?—The Book Paper Inquiry

A continuance of direct political interference with the export paper business has been a feature of the past week. Instructions to the Paper Controller by the Minister of Finance, ordering a continuance of the inquiry into the cost of book paper, are regarded by paper manufacturers as a direct reversal of previous action by the Minister ordering the Paper Control to close up its affairs and cease spending public money.

This action was followed within a few days by the announcement of a new Order-in-Council empowering the Minister of Customs to deny export privileges to any paper producer who fails to comply with any order of the Paper Control. This is aimed at certain manufacturers who had given notice that after January 1, they would refuse to supply Canadian newspapers at the Canadian fixed price and would contest in the courts the legality of the Paper Controller's authority, which rests upon the War Measures Act, and which the manufacturers claim has long since expired. The new Order-in-Council, while obviously as liable to attack as its predecessor, will enable the Government to put a stop to the business of the recalcitrants until the question is decided by the courts and may subject them to enormous losses if they carry out their intention to fight the issue.

The contesting manufacturers are taking action in two different directions. The Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, which operates a 150-ton-a-day mill at Fort Frances, Ont., has issued a writ, directed against Controller Pringle, the Minister of Justice and the Manitoba Free Press Printing Company, which is designed to test the question of whether the War Measures Act is still in existence insofar as the regulation of the sale of newsprint paper is concerned.

A Legal Inquiry.

"Say, Dad, what keeps us from falling off the earth when we are upside down?"

"Why, the law of gravity, of course?"

"But how did folks stay on before that law was passed?"

Another Government Railway

Premier Drury's intimation in his Cobalt address that the Ontario Government might suggest the acquisition of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway by the Dominion, will be received with an interest. The Temiskaming Railway running from North Bay to Cochrane, connects the Grand Trunk lines in Old Ontario, which are to be acquired by the Dominion with the National Transcontinental, which the Dominion now has. The Canadian National Railway system now has running rights over the Temiskaming road. The Ontario Government Railway might be considered a useful addition to the National system if it could be acquired on satisfactory terms.

New Maximum Risk Ruling

The North American Life has increased its maximum limit from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in the case of male lives under 45 years of age, who are in all respect first-class lives. The company, however, reserves the right in all cases to determine what portion of any risk shall be reinsured.

cerned, inasmuch as the war has been over virtually for a year or more.

The second effort is a direct attack upon the authority of Controller Pringle to hold a hearing in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, to-day, for the purpose of discussing with the manufacturers and the publishers the question of how next year's paper requirements of the Canadian publishers shall be met. It is understood that at this hearing counsel for Price Bros and Co., Limited, of Quebec, one of the largest producers of newsprint in the Dominion, will appear to contest the legality of the proceedings. It is said that among other things the interesting contention will be raised as to whether such control does not constitute an invasion of provincial autonomy and that the issue will, if necessary, be carried to the Privy Council for a final decision. The issue is said to hinge upon a question of the authority of the Dominion Government to interfere with trade to the detriment of a province and is one in which Quebec is said to be more vitally interested than any other of the provinces.



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