

mit that the Dominion Government should grant a bounty, to be paid for a term of five years, at the rate of \$5.00 per ton upon pig lead, the product of ores smelted, and refined, in Canada.

We submit that the transfer to Canada of the industry of working up as far as possible our stock of raw lead, into manufactured forms, and the opening of an outlet through Canadian channels to the world's market, for the whole of the product, is a matter of importance to the Dominion at large; that the production of silver and lead in British Columbia is capable of great expansion; that the employment of labour afforded, will attract to the mining districts a large population of consumers upon a lavish scale of the supplies and products of Eastern Canada; and that in all respects the measure of development liable to follow the removal of the obstacles that now retard the industry will amply justify such expenditure of public funds, as the granting of our request would involve.

Your memorialists respectfully request that the rates to be charged

revise this tariff and put it upon an equitable basis, which in our opinion would be reached by an increase of the duty upon pig lead from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent., and upon dry white lead from 5 per cent. to 25 per cent.

MINT.

That this Delegation respectfully urges upon the Government the consideration of the Mint question as brought before them in the memorandum of the Premier of British Columbia of January 28th, 1901.

RAILROADS.

We strongly believe that the requirements of Southern British Columbia demand the construction of Railways through the rich and undeveloped portions of Southern British Columbia, and that permission to build, and financial assistance where necessary, should be given to any responsible company intending to build a railway, whether crossing the International boundary or not, subject in all cases to



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for refining, by any refining company, proposing to take advantage of any Bonus provided by the Government, be made subject to approval, and revision by the Governor General in Council, and that full power be reserved by the Government to withhold the payment of money claimed to have been earned by any refining company if it be at any time made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor General in Council that any excessive charges have been imposed, or unjust discrimination practised by such refining company, as against any Canadian product treated by them or offered to them for treatment.

LEAD DUTIES.

The inequality of the duties levied upon lead products coming into Canada has been repeatedly brought before the Government by special delegations and by the Board of Trade, and dealt with by the Convention of the Liberal party in the platform upon which Mr. Galliher, the present Member for Yale Cariboo Kootenay was elected.

It appears that the schedule of lead duties stands as it was framed many years ago when there was no production of lead in Canada. It is inconsistent with itself and with the tariff upon other goods of a similar class, and it operates to discourage the manufacture of lead in Canada, so that while we are producing and sending abroad a large quantity of lead in crude forms the Canadian market is supplied with the manufactured article from abroad. We ask the Government to

Government control as to rates, and subject to such regulations as will afford protection to Canadian industries as to coal and coke supply, where such railways are designed to tap coal deposits upon which such Canadian industries are dependent for their fuel.

Signed on behalf of the Delegates.

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Mr. GEORGE ALEXANDER, of Kaslo, Managing Director of the Kootenay Ore Company and other enterprises, said:—The crisis in the mineral situation of British Columbia, which has forced us to this appeal for aid from the Government, is briefly that our mines, which have been increasing steadily in production and are now producing more ore than ever before, are suddenly and without warning deprived of a market for their output. To take as an instance one concrete case, my own, the mines under my charge were increasing by steadily shipping during last year, when a few days before the expiration of the annual contracts at the end of the year, under which our ore was sold to the American Smelting and Refining Company, we were served with a notice through a local lawyer that the American Smelting and Refining Company would not accept any more of our product after the end of the year. Hoping that this would prove only temporary we continued working as long as possible, until at last our ore was piled up in our works and the railroad and steamer wharves to an extent which left