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CLAUSE 6.

The evidence submitted to the Committee leads to the general conclusion that for a long time the Department of Customs and Excise had been slowly degenerating in efficiency and that the process was greatly accelerated in the last few years. Apparently the Hon. Jacques Bureau, then Minister of Customs, failed to appreciate and properly discharge the responsibilities of his office and as a result there was a lack of efficiency, continuous and vigorous control of subordinates by the Headquarters Staff at Ottawa.

*The coal question
is an important
one with the railroad
men. They contend
it would make more
work for railroads in the west*

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