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### WHY THE FICTION?

The Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, reports that during the year ended March 31, 1916, there was exported to the United Kingdom nickel ore, matte, etc., containing 11,610,100 lbs. nickel, valued at \$1,779,801. What is the object in publishing such estimates of value? Is it not known that the figure is ridiculous? If the Department of Trade and Commerce does not know what nickel matte is worth why does it not make an effort to find out? Why does it publish figures which a reader might infer to be correct to the last dollar, when, as a matter of fact, even the number of millions of dollars is not given correctly?

The U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, in reporting the imports and exports of nickel during 1915, estimates the value of the nickel in the matte at 13.5 cents per pound and the value of the refined nickel at 38 cents, thus giving the confident reader the idea that the 26,418,550 lbs. of nickel exported to Europe was worth \$10,038,514, while the matte imported from Canada, containing 56,352,582 lbs. of nickel, was worth only \$7,615,999. The U. S. officials are evidently as well informed as our own.

Why should Canadian officials seek to minimize the value of our exports? Do they do so knowingly, or do they publish figures which are to be taken as the result of dictation rather than investigation? Who is the dictator?

### TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

The blacklisting of firms controlled by Germans and doing business in neutral countries has naturally aroused considerable criticism, some of those firms listed claiming that they have been unjustly treated. The blacklist is also criticised by some who are not themselves affected, but who regard it as unjust discrimination against citizens of their country. How much of the opposition arises from pro-German propaganda and how much from the more considered judgment of friendly or neutral Americans we are unable to judge. We can only hope that the British and American governments will find time to give it the consideration that the problem deserves.

But there is a phase of this question that more directly affects Canadians, and among them Canadian mining men. How many Canadian companies are trading with houses which are controlled by firms that are on the British blacklist? Why are they doing so? Why does the Canadian Government not advise them that they should not do so?

It is no secret that such business is being carried on. There has been, unfortunately, no attempt to stop it.