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EDITORIAL

JOHN BULL CONTROLS  
CANADIAN NICKEL

Little can be said in extenuation of the attitude of those newspapers which persist in attempting to create public uneasiness by contending that the Canadian government is carelessly permitting Canadian nickel to reach the enemy.

It has been shown in a manner clear to anyone simply desirous of learning the truth concerning the nickel situation, and not influenced by a perverse desire to make political capital at any cost, that any nickel which may have been taken from American ports by the German submarine Deutschland, was easily obtainable from sources other than Canadian nickel mines; that Merton and Company, the export agents of the International Nickel Company (which concern refuses all the nickel produced in Canada) have no enemy shareholders, and have not had any such shareholders since the beginning of the war; that the British Government is in daily, weekly and hourly control of all the output of the refinery of the International Nickel Company in so far as that output goes overseas or to plants in the United States; and that, in short, no Canadian nickel is reaching or has reached the Empire's enemies.

Sensible papers, opposed to the government in a general way politically, have been convinced that the government has not been in any manner remiss in its duty in this vitally important matter.

Two of the ablest and most influential Liberal organs in the Dominion, The Ottawa Free Press and the Toronto Star, have declared that they are perfectly satisfied with the Government's course. Says the Toronto Star:

"The explanation of the whole situation as given in a speech by Hon. Arthur Meighen will probably satisfy most people whose interest in the matter is not partisan, that the Federal Government has been in full consultation with the Imperial Government in regard to the nickel policy followed during the war—that the policy is, in fact, Britain's policy which the Administration assists in applying.

"Hon. Arthur Meighen's speech, coupled with Lord Robert Cecil's reply to a question in the British House should go far to satisfy public opinion that the nickel question is being handled as John Bull wants it done."

This candid Liberal tribute to the Government's course is supplemented by the Ottawa Free Press in the following:

"Hon. Mr. Meighen has shown that the Canadian Government has adopted every safeguard recommended by the British Admiralty for the preventing of Canadian nickel reaching the enemy."

"The Free Press agrees with the Toronto Star that a continuance of the discussion of the nickel problem as it relates to the possibility of Germany getting some of Canada's supply will only tend to an unwarranted upsetting of the public mind."

Such pronouncements by Liberal papers of the standing and influence of The Toronto Star and Ottawa Free Press should be sufficient to silence the uninformed ranting of such papers as the Chatham Commercial.

PROTECTION FROM  
FOOD EXPLOITERS

Orders-in-Council, based upon the War Measures Act, and having the same force in law as an act of Parliament, have been passed by the Dominion Government, with the object of providing facilities for adequate investigation of the high cost of food products, and of protecting the public from food manipulators. In enacting the measure government very wisely reached the same conclusion as the British authorities, that any attempt to regulate food prices by a general arbitrary order would prove ineffective, if not disastrous, under present world-wide conditions.

Under the provisions of the order-in-Council, the federal Department of Labor and the municipalities are given power to make thorough inquiry into the prices of the necessities of life. The Minister of Labor can call upon the owners of cold storage and other food supply establishments for statements concerning their contents—when, where and at what price secured, and at what price held for resale and examiners from the department are authorized to go over the books of such concerns to verify the statements made, or to gather the required information in cases where no statement is furnished. Municipal councils have similar powers.

The Order-in-Council contains a distinct provision against hoarding food products and makes a criminal offence of combination or agreement to enhance the price of food or clothing or fuel.

In relation to any necessary of life: to prevent, limit or lessen the manufacture or production of any necessary of life, and to prevent or lessen competition in the production, sale, transportation or supply of any such commodity.

Section 3, which is one of the vital clauses, provides as follows: "No person shall accumulate or shall withhold from sale any necessary of life beyond an amount thereof reasonably required for the use or consumption of his household or for the ordinary purposes of his business. Every person who shall at any time amount thereof reasonably required and every person who shall hold for purposes of sale, whether as manufacturer, wholesaler, jobber, retailer or otherwise, any stock-in-trade of any necessary of life shall offer for sale the said excess amount or the said stock-in-trade at such prices as shall not be higher than are 'reasonable and just.'"

What effect the Order-in-Council may have upon the cost of living remains to be seen. It is a source of satisfaction to reflect that by the enactment, effective means for getting at the facts in the matter are provided, and with offenses now clearly defined, and heavy penalties laid down for such offenses there is genuine assurance that the public will be protected from food manipulators, insofar as it is possible for the government to provide such protection.

In passing the order-in-council the government has made an honest, intelligent and altogether commendable effort to deal with the question of the high cost of living.

When the order in council was first promulgated it was asserted in some quarters that the measure was not intended to be operative. The answer to this criticism is that already the measure has been operative, and though its provisions several would-be manipulators of food products' prices have been brought to time coming near to home, the St. John City Council, by virtue of powers conferred upon it by the order in council relating to necessities of life, has begun an investigation of the recent rise in the price of milk in that city, and unless the dealers can make out a good case for themselves—which seems unlikely—they will be compelled to reduce the price. Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, who is charged with enforcing the measure, has shown a determination to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the act, and there is good reason for believing that every unjustifiable increase on the price of necessities that can be prevented, will be prevented.

"The government, it seems, manages to get potatoes for the insane at cheap prices. There is a gleam of hope in this news for everybody. All that people, who are driven half-mad already by the high cost of living, have to do is to go crazy and the government will see that they get cheap potatoes."

Toronto Star. Considering their arguments concerning the high cost of living, it would appear that some of the Star's journalistic friends are already entitled to cheap potatoes—free potatoes, perhaps.

Other Opinions

OPPOSITION UNDESIRABLE

Moncton Transcript. It is very unlikely that the Liberals will nominate a Liberal candidate against the re-election of the Hon. A. E. Kemp, M. P., for East Toronto, the newly appointed Minister of Militia, and it would seem extremely undesirable that they should do so. Mr. Kemp is placed in charge of an important department, in which at the earliest possible moment he should be enabled to discharge his duty without the distraction of an election contest.

THE SUSPICIOUS PERSON

(Ohio State Journal). One of the worst enemies of society is the suspicious person; one who is always scanning for the motives that govern people and is generally ascribing to them the wrong motive. He is worse than a snake in the grass, who is imagining the wrong motives of people's actions. No honorable man does it. He would, if there is a worthy motive near at hand, give a person the benefit of that. But that is not the way of the suspicious person. He is always mean enough to look out for the base motive and thus detract from the integrity of another's life.

Every true man will do his best to think well of another; to brush aside all doubts of his honor and virtue and give to him all the credits that one claims for himself. Society is always lowered by suspicion, and the man who exercises the distrust always lowers himself. Suspicion always reacts upon him who suspects simply because it is a weakness to exercise an ungenerous feeling toward another that is not completely fortified by the fact. So if your heart is full of suspicion, get it out and think well of the suspected person and you will be happier for it, and society will be, too.

NAPOLEON ON WARS

The Spectator. Mr. Herbert Vivian has been examining the books in Napoleon's library at Elba, and has picked out for the edification of the readers of the Times some passages which Napoleon had marked. The book which seems to have attracted Napoleon most was the Essai general de Guibert, the young Colonel of whom Voltaire recklessly said that he did not know whether he would be a Corsic or a Turanne. Napoleon marked some passages in which Guibert said that Ministers in modern States worked without unity, independence, Department, the kind of peace such politicians would make is described as follows:

DOAKTOWN

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Mrs. (Major) Mersereau is going to England.

Mrs. Fred H. Mersereau will leave on Thursday morning for Fredericton en route for St. John, where she will sail on the Miramichi on Saturday the 8th, for England, where she will join her husband, Major F. H. Mersereau, who sailed with the 132nd North Shore Battalion. Her many friends wish her a safe voyage.

Mr. Frank Russell made a business trip to Boiestown on Monday.

Mrs. Patrick Brown and little son Forrest, are spending a week with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Archibald Porter.

The sewing circle of the Episcopal church will meet on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Everett Lyons.

Miss Bessie McDonald and Miss Ruby Price were guests of Mrs. Gordon Doak one evening last week.

Dr. J. D. McMillan, surgeon dentist of Newcastle, made his regular trip to Boiestown on Monday.

Mr. Arch. Alcorn of Blackville was in town on Monday.

Miss Florence O'Donnell of Doaktown was visiting her parents at McNamara one day last week.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter Press will be glad to hear that she is rapidly improving after her very serious illness. She spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Fred Mersereau, previous to her departure for England.

Measles are quite prevalent in this vicinity at present.

Miss Ida Sturtevant was calling on her sister, Mrs. Chester Doak quite recently.

Mrs. Frances Bamford and Miss Queenie Edgar were in town on Thursday last.

Christmas will soon be here and we shall welcome our boys from the lumber camps.

Mr. Ronald Hurley of Blisfield was in town on Saturday.

SCHOOL PROGRESSING

Our school is progressing rapidly under the able management of Mr. G. A. Wathen, of the Advanced Department and Miss Margaret Doak of the Primary Department.

Mr. Arthur Ballard was in town on Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Scott of Fredericton, who has been spending a few days with Mr. Wm. Murray has returned home.

Address by Rev. W. D. Wilson. Rev. W. D. Wilson gave a very interesting temperance lecture on Sunday evening to a large congregation. His subject was "The Interpretation of the Law." He spoke in Carroll's Crossing in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick were in town last week, the guests of Mrs. Lawrence Doak.

Good Work on Washout. A washout at the culvert on the Canada Eastern railway track about a mile east of Doaktown occurred Saturday night. Trackmaster Underhill, of Blackville, and Conductor E. J. of Boiestown, with their crews rushed to the scene on Sunday and by working all day, filling in the washout with carloads of stone and gravel, got the track in condition and traffic was not interrupted.

BLISSFIELD

The weather for the last two or three days has been very disagreeable for the lumbermen.

Mrs. David Ward who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chester Corners of Upper Blackville has returned home.

We are sorry to hear that our popular base singer, Mr. James Robshaw is laid up with a very bad cold.

Mrs. Ned Carr, Mrs. Arch McDonald, made a flying trip to Blisfield on Tuesday and were the guests of Mrs. Walter Ward.

Miss Violet Sturtevant spent Tuesday at John Weaver's. She intends

hearing there this winter.

Mr. George Ward purchased a new organ. Music will be plentiful there this winter.

Mr. Walter Ward is getting his wood hauled very reasonable this year. Mr. Wm. Travis is cutting it in the woods while Ronald Weaver hauls it with his team of fancy greys.

Miss Cassie Connors who has been in Doaktown for the past three months is home for her vacation.

Mr. Ernest Beek employed by Mr. Price lost his rifle, recently. It suddenly disappeared from the camp in a very mysterious manner. Mr. Beek swears vengeance if he ever finds out the culprit.

Coming Event. Everyone is looking forward to the entertainment in the Orange Hall Xmas night a good time as per usual is predicted.

Geo. Parker, our local astronomer, is able to be around again after a severe attack of jaundice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Miner and sons are spending the winter at this place.

Mr. John McLellan has been forced to leave the lumber woods on account of ill-health.

Warden McDonald has given up his position as cook with Jas. Boles, contractor for Fraser Co. Ltd.

Mr. Boles has returned to the lumber camp with his fancy team of greys after spending the week-end at this place.

Big Contract. Mr. John Snow, one of our most successful lumber contractors, has contracted with Fraser Co. Ltd. for four million, so far. Mr. Snow is having a very successful season.

New School Trustee. Mr. Jas. Hinchey has been appointed school trustee. Mr. Hinchey is attending his duty faithfully.

New Road Supervisor. Mr. Theodore Beek has been appointed road supervisor. He is kept very busy between this place and Doaktown.

Dancing Class. Wm. Delaney is having great success with his dancing lessons. He has a large class. So look out for some expert waltzers at the Xmas entertainment. Mr. Delaney intends taking a course of stenography in the near future.

Mr. J. C. Spencer and Judson Hinchey were making a few social calls on Sunday.

Mr. Donald has accepted the position of bookkeeper in Mrs. Loren Munn's store.

Mr. Frank Parker has installed a shingle machine in his new mill.

Mr. Cleveland Price passed through here en route to Doaktown. We understand he is interested in a certain dressmaking department at that place.

Searching for Firearms. Our local game warden is kept very busy. We understand he is making a thorough search of every camp for fire arms. We are doubtful if he will not also take the wood traps.

ROGERSVILLE

Fire Destroys House. One day last week Mr. Charles Pitre's little house was burned down. Mrs. Pitre was alone in the house with her little boy three years old. While she went out for a pail of water it is supposed that the little boy set fire to some paper. Nothing was saved. The house and contents a total loss, as there is no insurance.

This week Coun. LeBlanc made a short visit to his brother in Richibucto who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. F. Bourque has returned home from Moncton where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Thomas Bourque.

Ten or twelve young men have arrived home from the west, where they had been working at the harvest. They are looking fine and healthy.

Trappists Sell Fine Horse. Mr. J. D. Buckley has bought a fine horse, five year old, from the Trappists for \$240. Who says the price of horses is going down?

New Post Office. The Government has placed a new post office in East Colwell in charge of Mr. Jerome A. Gallant. It was open to the public Dec. 1st.

BLACK RIVER

Robert Cadie passed through Black River on his way to Hardwick.

Noble Williston who spent part of last week in Black River, returned to his home, Bay Side.

Harry Ettenger of Morrison's Cove, visited Black River and Little Branch last week.

Fred McDonald and son Herbert, are smelt fishing in the lower part of Black River.

Mrs. Hugh McDougall and family are visiting at her home in Little Branch.

John Flanagan of Chatham was in Black River Friday last week.

Mrs. Albert Williston of Bay Side, was taken to Newcastle Hospital, where she is to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Williston of Bay Side are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Williston and son have returned home from the west after spending three months there.

The Field Comfort Society of Bay du Vin and Bay Side, are to meet at the home of Joseph Williston, Wednesday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDonald of Little Branch are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Mrs. Harrison Murdoch of Hardwick is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Grace McLean of Little Branch. Mr. John Taylor of Bay du Vin is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hugh McDougall.

Reta Kelly of Black River has gone to Boston to spend the winter.

Roumanian Capital Falls to Germany

Bucharest, the capital of Roumania, fell into the enemy's hands on Wednesday, also Plocehti, on the main railway line running north from Bucharest, and 35 miles distant. The fall of Plocehti may cut off the Roumanian retreat.

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And NOW is the Time to Get Your Clothes Ready  
OUR STOCK OF MEN'S OVERCOATS  
will please the most fastidious dressers. You'll feel satisfied that you are properly clad in the most up to date style if you buy your coat at this store.  
After all Shakespears Maxim "Apparell oft Proclaims the Man" is true more so now than in the days of old, and the man that gets on is he who presents a good appearance and is well dressed. There's a sort of satisfied pride about the man that's decked out in new clothes.  
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Holiday Hints  
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We mention a few of the more prominent articles There are:  
BOOKS galore, an elegant assortment of Calendars, Fancy Papereries, Rich and Rare, Boxes of Chocolates, Numerous Fancy Articles, Purses, Pearl-Handled Knives, Tags of all sorts, Dolls in endless variety and a thousand and one things space forbids mention of  
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