

INDUSTRIAL UNREST IN CANADA.

THE WINNIPEG STRIKE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE (Leader of the Opposition): Can the Prime Minister give the House any information beyond what appeared in the press this morning as to the labour troubles in Winnipeg and elsewhere in the West?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): I do not think I have anything to communicate beyond what has appeared in the press. The situation has been under the consideration of the Government during the past two or three days, but there is nothing to announce at the moment.

SPEECH OF THE MINISTER OF MARINE-
IN MONTREAL.

Mr. C. G. POWER (South Quebec): I should like to ask whether the Minister of Marine (Mr. Ballantyne) was speaking on behalf of the Government when last Saturday he stated at Verdun that force would be used if necessary in connection with the Winnipeg strikes, and that preparations had been made accordingly?

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I was speaking as one of the members of this Government at a meeting of the Imperial Sons of the British Empire held in the city of Verdun (Montreal) on Saturday last. At that meeting I merely stated the views which the Prime Minister had already expressed in this House. The very brief account of my speech that appeared in one of the Ottawa papers this morning quoted correctly a portion only of my speech. Briefly, what I stated on Saturday was this: That the Government had no objection to or criticism to offer on organized labour; that on the contrary the Government looks with favour upon trades unions as we have known them to exist in this country. I proceeded to say that although a great many persons in the cities of Verdun and Montreal had found fault with the Government during the past month for not being sufficiently active or aggressive, the responsibility for maintaining order in connection with a strike such as that now on in Winnipeg rested first upon the municipal authorities, and next upon the provincial authorities. I then went on to quote what the Prime Minister had said, viz.: that if the authority of the Government of Canada were put in jeopardy; if His Majesty's mails or other public services were wil-

fully impeded, it became the duty of the Federal Government to see that in the conduct of the business of the people of Canada law and order should be preserved. I sincerely trusted, I said, that an amicable settlement would be arrived at, and I said that the Government had done everything in its power to attain this end, but that, in the unfortunate event of no amicable settlement being reached, and that if the exercise of constitutional authority were interfered with in the city of Winnipeg, it would become the duty of the Federal Government to see that law and order be maintained there, even if force had to be used.

CREDIT TO RUMANIA OF \$25,000,000.

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Sir SAM HUGHES (Victoria): Is there anything in the rumour that Canadian goods sold to Rumania are being paid for in Rumania Government bonds at par while the market price is only 72?

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): I had already explained to the House that the Dominion Government made an arrangement with the Government of Rumania whereby we made an advance of \$25,000,000, charging interest at the rate of 5½ per cent, which is the same rate we charge other governments. It is not a transaction in which we buy bonds; it is a transaction between the two governments for the purpose of establishing credits here, which will enable the products of Canada to be purchased by Rumania.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD
READINGS.

Bill No. 102 (from the Senate), for the relief of Simon John Fraser.—Mr. Morphy.

Bill No. 111 (from the Senate), for the relief of Mary Ann Scheib.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 114 (from the Senate), for the relief of Vernon Balm Bailey.—Mr. McCurdy.

Bill No. 120 (from the Senate), for the relief of Eleanor Margaret Webster.—Mr. Cronyn.

Bill No. 121 (from the Senate), for the relief of Jean Donaldson Sifton.—Mr. McMaster.

SECOND READING.

Bill No. 124 (from the Senate), for the relief of Andrew Pepper.—Mr. Campbell.