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### THE C. M. I. COMMITTEE AT OTTAWA.

Recognizing that the Select Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Mines and Minerals was on the right track in its recommendations to the Federal Government, the Canadian Mining Institute appointed a committee to wait upon the Prime Minister and urge that these recommendations be carried into effect.

To refresh the memories of our readers, we shall recapitulate the three aforementioned recommendations: "Your committee is of the opinion (1) That there should be assigned to the Federal Department of Mines, the administration of mines, including the issuing of title thereto, and of all mining laws; (2) That an Act should be passed consolidating all the laws relating to mines under Federal control; (3) That consideration should be given to a policy which will have for its objects the re-acquisition by the Crown of mining rights heretofore granted in patents of land."

The first two recommendations will meet the approval of all mining men. They apply with especial force to the distressing conditions that obtain in Alberta and the Yukon. The last recommendation we are inclined to view with doubt. Its practicability is extremely debatable.

The Institute was represented by Messrs. G. G. S. Lindsey, T. B. Caldwell, A. M. Hay, Clifford E. Smith, and H. Mortimer-Lamb. Accompanying the committee were Mr. F. T. Congdon, M.P., and Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., both of whom are members of the Select Standing Committee. The delegation was introduced to the Prime Minister by Mr. James Conmee, M.P.

As chairman of the delegation, Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey presented the views of the Institute. Other delegates spoke to the point. These utterances were strongly supported by the Minister of Mines, the Hon. Mr. Templeman. Their reception by Sir Wilfrid Laurier was distinctly favourable. He promised specifically that the first and second recommendations would be put into effect, and he suggested that the Canadian Mining Institute take on its own shoulders the task of consolidating and codifying the laws pertaining to mining lands under Federal control. This, he assured the delegation, the Government would introduce at the next session of Parliament.

After interviewing the Prime Minister, the delegation waited upon the Minister of Mines. Arrangements were then made for appointing a sub-committee of the Select Standing Committee to draft the Act consolidating the present mining laws. It was decided that a suitable appropriation be asked for, so that the sub-committee might be enabled to secure information from every desirable quarter. The Canadian Mining Insti-