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As Clear As Noonday

MR. MACKENZIE KING explained a lot with his amazing declaration that he would not "give" a "Tory" provincial government "a five-cent piece". He explained, for one thing, the equally amazing attitude of Mr. King's Administration in deducting from the Nova Scotia subsidy the amount of a disputed bill.

This bill is for expenses of troops sent into the Cape Breton mining districts in 1925. The new Provincial Government disputed the amount and justice of the claim and asked to have it referred to the courts for decision.

The matter is now in the courts, and there is no desire here to comment on the merits of the claim. But this much may be said: the action of the King Government in with-holding the full amount of the bill (\$133,116.73), with the claim going to the courts for a decision, was high-handed and indefensible and thoroughly in keeping with the extraordinary dictum just laid down by the leader of that Government.

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