FIX PRICE OF SUGAR AT 21 CENTS POUND

Importation is Also Prohibited by Order of Board of Commerce.

PROVISION FOR SMALL LOT SALES

In Lengthy Document Board Says Trader Must Have Share of Protection.

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The Board of Commerce also issued tonight a lengthy statement reviewing the sugar situation and setting forth the reasons for the issuance of its order. In this document it is stated that the predecessors of the present commissioners laid down the principle that it was the duty of the Board not less to protect the trader on a falling market than to protect the consumer on a rising market.

The Board points out that all the sugar refineries in Eastern Canada have closed because of the fact that, owing to the embargo on export, which was put on to protect the consuming public, they have excess supplies on hand. Values of sugars bought and to arrive under these conditions are placed at approximately sixty millions.

Refiners Crowded

"Thus it will be seen," says the statement, "the refiners face a situation which is frankly critical and becoming daily more acute. The refinery works are closed, the vast capital concerned is tied and wasting, and the refiners are being in some cases already carried by the banks."

The Board draws attention to the fact that "refiners have, during recent months in co-operation with the Board, made reductions totalling four and a half cents per pound from the highest price, representing values of several million dollars. A present further reduction would entail on the refiners losses which would, in the view of the Board, exceed their resources."

Board's Statement

The Board statement in part follows:

"The sugar situation in the United States and Canada continues to present many unusually difficult aspects. Distress sales have been responsible in part, but not wholly, for a quick fall in prices in the United States. Surprise is frequently expressed in the Canadian press that this lower range of prices is not reflected in the Dominion. Certainly some sugar has been, during recent weeks, imported into Canada from the United States, the difference in price covering exchange, duty and freight, and still permitting the importer to sell at he chooses somewhat below the ruling Canadian price. Were cheap sugar thus imported on a large scale from the United States, the Canadian refiners would be necessarily put temporarily out of business. This situation has been in fact already practically created, all the refineries in Eastern Canada have closed their doors and their twenty five hundred employes are on the street. When the refineries will re-open is uncertain. This situation is a result, however, of a number of conditions preceding the break in prices in the United States, and recent importations of sugar from the United States have had little to do with it.

"Looking back over the sugar situation of the last two or three years it is necessary to recall that when some time before the close of the war, there was an almost universal shortage of sugar, more acute in Europe than in North America and less acute in Canada at any time than in any other country participating in the war the sugar refiners of Canada co-operated with the Dominion Government and its agencies in an endeavor to protect the Canadian consumers in these matters, and it was as a result of this co-operating that throughout this trying period Canadians felt but in slight degree the shortage of sugar and secured sugar until recent weeks at a cost below the price obtaining elsewhere.

Embargo Hurt Exporters.

It has been estimated, on a careful calculation, that the amount saved to the Canadian consumer as a result of the action taken during this period by government agencies regarding sugar transactions was not less than $20,000,000. In 1919 Canadian sugar men, estimating the general situation, more accurately perhaps than did the refiners of the United States, bought heavily of low priced sugar, buying more than the Canadian market seemed to justify and expecting to market the surplus profitably by export. This was, however, prevented by an embargo on export, there being still some apprehension of a sugar shortage, and Canadians had the benefit of cheap and plentiful sugar. It may be added that when the embargo, as such ceased to exist the refiners at the request of the government, still refrained from exporting sugar, though the price in the United States remained for some time several cents above the Canadian price. The sugar growers, taking advantage of the world shortage, lifted the price of raws to a point unprecedented. The Canadian consumer had, however, well before the peak of the sugar prices in Canada was reached, bought more heavily than usual, and has been as a rule well stocked during the past summer. Canadian refiners were compelled by the conditions of the trade to continue to buy enough at high prices, and have been heavily stocked, while, on the other hand, the Canadian consumer, being better provided than usual and hoping for lower prices, has refrained from buying. As a result the stock of Canadian refiners has, during the past two or three months, been almost stationary, their transactions being one-tenth of the customary volume during that period.

Would Have Big Loss.

The actual situation with which the refiners are confronted is beyond their resources. A fall of Canadian prices to present United States levels, plus exchange and duty, etc., entail a prospective loss to the refiners of great magnitude. This would be a commercial disaster so serious that there would be little hope of limiting its effects to a single interest, or to the few important establishments directly concerned.

The refiners have naturally stated their case to the government, and there have been consultations with the Board of Commerce. The Board of Commerce, after a careful review of the situation, and with what is believed to be complete and reliable information before them, have concluded that the interests of all parties, traders and consumers alike, will be best served by an immediate further reduction in the price of Canadian refined sugar to a point which permits it to retail to the consumer at a maximum of 21 cents per pound, and by strictly confining buying and selling transactions during the present crisis to the Canadian trade.

The board, the statement says, will continue to keep closely in touch with the situation and will make further adjustments and regulations as conditions may require.

The order is signed by Chief Commissioner W. White, K. C. and Commissioners F. A. Ackland and G. A. Dillon.

SHIP COMPANY TO MAKE NEWSPRINT

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 13. — The Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company has announced plans for branching out into the manufacture of pulp and paper machinery on a scale that will mean almost the doubling of the present personnel of their plant here.

SUFFERED DAY AND NIGHT

The Tortures of Dyspepsia Relieved By "Fruit-a-tives."

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LITTLE INTEREST IN PROCEEDINGS AT DECLARATION DAY

Legal Adviser to Gov't Will Petition for Recount in County Vote.

Very little interest was taken in Declaration Day proceedings conducted at the court room in Masonic building yesterday, less than a dozen persons being in attendance. After checking over the return from the different polling places in the city, Sheriff Wilson declared Hon. W. E. Foster, Hon. Dr. Roberts, W. E. Scully, R. T. Hayes, elected to represent the City of St. John in the New Brunswick Legislature.

The standing of the candidates was given as follows:

Foster	6045
Roberts	5854
Hayes	5637
Scully	5517
Tilley	5516
Campbell	5353
Potts	5244
Lewis	5418

In checking over the figures shown on the official return placed in each of the ballot boxes, the only difference found in the totals as published on Monday was a reduction of three in Mr. Foster's total, and an increase of two in Mr. Potts'.

The figures of Mr. Tilley and Mr. Hayes were re-checked and re-added, on account of the small difference in the totals, but beyond finding one additional vote for Mr. Hayes, there was no change in the result.

County Ticket

Declaration proceedings for the County of St. John were held at 2.30 p.m. The return as checked gave Dr. L. M. Curran 1899, Hon. J. B. Baxter, 1884, the two leading candidates, and they were declared elected to represent St. John County. There were seventy-three spoiled ballots.

The legal adviser for the Government says he will petition for a recount of the ballots cast for the county candidates.

GEDDES ENDEAVORS TO SETTLE IRISH RAILWAY STRIKE

Greatest Secrecy Being Observed Regarding Deliberations Being Held.

London, Oct. 13—Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transportation, is visiting reland for the purpose of settling the trouble between the Government and the Irish railwaymen, who, for some time, have refused to operate trains carrying military, according to a despatch to the Evening News from Dublin.

The correspondent says Sir Eric had met the railway managers and the directors of the railroads, together with Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary for Ireland, but that the greatest secrecy is being observed with regard to their deliberations.

He expresses the belief, however, that the railway companies agreed to try and carry out their obligations regarding priority for government traffic, including the carrying of soldiers, police and munitions, and that if they are unsuccessful, they will lose the government's subsidy. On the other hand, the correspondent adds, by acquiescing in the government's demand they will stand a chance of seeing the railways close down by the refusal of the men to operate them.

BORN.

ARMSTRONG—At Trinity Rectory on October 13th to the wife of Rev. R. A. Armstrong, a daughter.

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GOV'T INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS HOME RULE

British Officials Are Not to be Deflected in Their Course by Promises.

UNITY IN ISLANDS IS NECESSARY

Wellbeing of Whole Empire Antagonistic to An Independent Ireland.

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"The government of Ireland bill dealt with a great reality, namely, that Ireland historically and in many other ways is divided into two main parts. This is to be regretted, but is still a fact. This is the first government that has faced that fact.

"I am not one of those who believe that the setting up of two parliaments in Ireland carries with it any of those disabilities and awful consequences that people who know nothing about Home Rule are constantly prophesying." The Secretary cited Canada and Australia as examples where self-government started with a number of small parliaments.

Intimidation.

"We are faced today," he continued, "not so much with the Sinn Fein movement as with the inner circle of that movement, an inner circle of men who believe they can intimidate the Irish Government and the British Government and get the support of the civilized world by a policy of assassination."

The Secretary contended that no civilized government in the world would sympathize with that policy, and declared that no threats and no dangers would deter the British and Irish Governments from going on with a serious duty which must be carried out.

Blood Will Flow.

"It is an onerous and heavy burden," he said, "and the price must be paid with the blood of some of the bravest men this country or England ever produced." Sir Hamar believed that the Government would succeed in ending the campaign of murder, and then the way would open and Ireland would be handed over to the Irish. They in Ulster, would have their Parliament, and the rest of Ireland would have its Parliament. The Government would do its utmost to back them financially, and would not consider them as prodigals, but as two favorite sons of the Empire. Once these Parliaments started, he believed the problem would rapidly be solved.

Police Force.

The Secrtary referred to the work of the police force, and said:

"In carrying out the difficult duty of maintaining peace and restoring normal conditions it has been decided to set up a system of special constabulary exactly on the same lines as that prevailing throughout the British Empire, and almost immediately there will be a force composed of selected patriotic men who, under the control of the Royal Irish Constabulary, would have the right of every citizen to protect his own home, and, with his fellow-constables, to protect the communities at large."

MAJOR PUTNAM SHOUTED DOWN BY AUDIENCE

New York, Oct. 13.—Angered by a rumor that he had said that the American revolution against England was not justified, 500 persons hissed and howled down Major George Haven Putnam at Erasmus Hall High School, in Brooklyn tonight, and prevented him from delivering a lecture on "The Relations Between America and England."

The turmoil at the meeting became so great that police reserves were sent from the nearby Snyder avenue station to preserve order. No arrests were made, and all but a few of the audience left the hall singing "The Star Spangled Banner," headed by a man carrying the American flag.

Usually not more than 150 persons attend the weekly lectures in the lecture room of Erasmus Hall High School, but more than 500 were present tonight, filling the room to its capacity. They maintained excellent order, but persons in each row were observed to whisper to each other before the meeting started. It was learned afterward that the report was circulated that Major Putnam had said in a lecture in Canada that George Washington was wrong in fighting against the "Mother Country," that the American revolution should never have taken place, and that America should apologize to the Mother Country.

There was absolute silence when Major Putnam stepped on the platform, but the storm broke when Benjamin M. Jacquish, a member of the Erasmus Hall High School, stepped forward to introduce him. With a suddenness that indicated pre-arrangement, hisses and catcalls came from all over the hall. Mr. Jacquish endeavored to restore order by crying out for fair play, and saying that Mr. Putnam was entitled to a hearing, but was himself howled down.

Aided by Mr. Jacquish, Major Putnam at last succeeded in getting started, "Some years back, when I was in England," he began, but got no further in words that were audible.

ONE BATH SHARED BY 20 TENANTS

Winnipeg, Oct. 13—One bath shared by twenty tenants is cause enough for protest against an increase of $10 according to A. E. Frost, occupying a two room suite in a local downtown apartment block, who appeared at the Rent Probe of the Joint Council of Industry here today.

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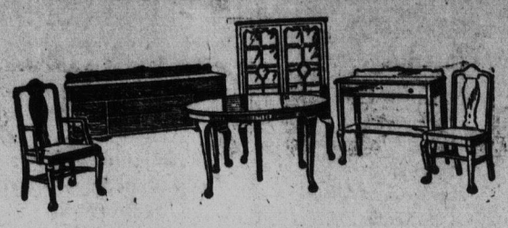

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SLACKENING IN ACTIVITY AT C. P. R. SHOPS IN ANGUS

Thousand Men Laid off Last Week and Shops Are Closed for Few Days.

Montreal, Oct. 13—The Canadian Pacific Railway Angus Shops here have been undergoing a slackening in activity of late. Last week nearly a thousand men were laid off. On Monday another 500 went, and today R. L. Foster, president of the Trades and Labor Council, reports that the workmen who remain have received notice that the shops will be closed from tonight until next Tuesday.

Lack of Material

A lack of raw material is given as the cause. These are obtained largely from the United States, and the present electoral campaign in the States has paralyzed the movement of shipments, according to the Canadian Pacific Railway authorities. The effect is thought to be purely temporary.

MINING SITUATION DAILY IMPROVING

Men Gradually Drifting Back to Work in the Drumheller Valley Region.

Calgary, Oct. 13—"Nine hundred out of 1,300 miners in the Drumheller Valley are working and there are only four mines in District 18, U. M. W. A. which are not in operation at the present time. The men are drifting back from day to day and the situation is steadily improving."

This was the statement yesterday of F. E. Harrison of the Federal Department of Labor. The only mines not now operating, he said, are at Fernie and Michel and the Nordegg and Monarch mines.

SANCTIONS PROBATE OF VERBAL WILL

Montreal, Oct. 18—For the first time in the Province of Quebec, and possibly for the first time in Canada,, the Superior Court today sanctioned the probate of a verbal will. Justice Surveyer, however, by written order thereon, stated that it was not to stand as a precedent.

Petitioner W. S. George Hamilton who asked the court to grant proof of the last will and testament of his son, second Lieutenant Douglas Reginald Hamilton as contained in the following words uttered by the young soldier on the eve of his departure for the war in November, 1917.

"If I am killed or die on active service, I leave everything to you, father." He was killed on January 23, 1918.

Miss E. R. Holt, the art teacher, has gone to Boston for a week's visit and to look about the art galleries and pick up ideas for the art classes this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Paddock are spending a month or two in Boston.

Thomas Murray, town clerk of Sackville arrived in the city yesterday.

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STEAMER ASHORE ON WHITE LAND ISLAND

Prince Rupert, B. C., Oct. 13—The Canadian fisheries and cold storage company's steamer James Carruthers, which sailed from here late last night, is ashore on White Land Island, and three of the crew are missing. The remainder of the crew was taken aboard a United States survey steamer.

SOME RECORD THIS.

New York Oct. 13.—A postcard mailed 17 years ago was delivered recently 12 miles from the place where it was dropped in a letter box. The man who sent it received it, having acquired the position formerly held by the original endresse.

Frank O'Keefe, the sender, was surveying the Harlem River in September, 1903, for the department of docks. One evening he sent the card, reporting his work, to the superintendent.

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