

The Mond Company of Wales, which is making enormous profits out of the nickel that it smelts from ores which it can only get in Canada, does not pay a dollar into the treasury of this country. I would bring these men out here and put them in the witness box just as the American Government did. It seized their books and found out just what they were doing and made them pay a tax on their war profits. We have up at Sudbury a belt of country thirty miles across, containing the greatest store of precious metals in the world. We have not got this nickel industry under control. We did not control it for some time during the war, and we do not control it to-day. Outsiders control it; it is controlled in England and in the United States.

This key metal would give us absolute control of the steel industry not only of Canada but of the world, and I want to press on my friends from Nova Scotia who are interested in the steel industry, as well as my other friends, that we should have control of this nickel industry and compel refinement. The United States Government has never had any confidence in the International Nickel Company or the American Armour Trust associated with it in connection with United States steel, and that is why they made that contract with the British-American Company. If an industry is being established in Canada at Deschenes it is because the British Government have guaranteed bonds for millions of dollars for the purpose. The British Government will no longer deal with the International Nickel Company and the Armour Trust who endeavoured to make them pay enormous prices for nickel steel for ships. They are looking to Canada, and the United States Government would co-operate with this country in controlling this great industry. We have had it in Canada for twenty years and it is not under our control. Outside companies come in and do what they like with it, and these very companies who are allowed to bring in their nickel free into this country actually went to Washington and conspired to prevent our nickel going in there, with the result that they got a prohibitive duty put on. With regard to the question of accepting the assurances of the British Government, this is all very well, but the British Government have given assurances of all kinds, and the revelations that are now being made in England, after the assurances of the British Government, are simply astounding as to the extent of German intrigue there. I have even heard of the

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case of a great insurance company in Great Britain that had an immense trust fund for the benefit of its policy holders, and during the war the fact was disclosed that a great portion of this trust fund had been suddenly, by a peculiar influence, switched over to the purchase of bonds of German municipalities and the improvement of German industries. That was only one case. The revelations in England are not yet all in the public knowledge but they are coming out, and they show that intrigue was so extensive that it permeated all America and Canada. From whatever source it originated it has worked to the detriment of Canada for twenty years, and indeed longer, for it is more than twenty years ago since Dr. Mond discovered that Canada had this store of nickel and sought to get control of it, succeeding in a measure. We have been talking about a national policy in this country, but the two Governments in the past have failed to have that industry established in this country and to compel it to pay its just share of taxes including, within the past few years, war taxes. These facts will come out and will be an issue before the country and I warn the minister and the Government that if they do not in the first place make this company disclose the precious metal contents of the ore which it takes from the country we will have no more business with them. Let us prohibit the taking of this ore out of Canada until these two great companies disclose its metal content. Why should we allow foreign companies—in which term I include British companies—to come in and take this most valuable ore which is the source of the great key metal that controls the whole steel and iron industry of the world? The only defence advanced at present is that this Government has every confidence in the British Government and accepts its assurances. After my examination of the subject, and I have looked into it pretty closely, I cannot accept those assurances. I do not think Lord Northcliffe or the American Government will accept them, because they all know better now, and I think it is high time there should be a declaration by a Canadian Government, after the experience of this war and in view of the knowledge we have of German intrigue, that henceforth we will control these ores in this industry and will not allow a pound of ores to be refined outside of Canada. We should be masters of the situation and dole out these ores ourselves, and if they contain any precious metal,