

COAL STRIKE IN THE NORTHWEST—*Con.*

*Fowler, G. W.* (Kings, N.B.)—7157.

Day by day since then the situation has been growing more or less acute—7157. There is neither a coal monopoly nor a combine there—7158.

*Henderson, D.* (Halton)—7543.

Thought the purpose of the minister was to add fuel to the fire—7543.

*Herron, John* (Alberta)—7134.

It is impossible to minimise the importance of this subject at the present time—7134-5. Does not know if the men are such a low and ignorant class as Ross insinuates—7152. In my country they are just as intelligent as the ordinary run of men—7153. It is generally \$2.75 to \$4 a ton at the pits mouth—7175.

*Hughes, Sam.* (Victoria)—7139.

The minister speaks of the men as Canadian miners—7139. Some of the miners of the same nationality as Mr. Mitchell—7140. If settlement is not reached will government bring in labour?—7693. The hope may not materialize—7694.

*Knowles, W. E.* (West Assiniboia)—7132.

Reads a telegram from Lawson, secretary of Board of Trade, Calgary—7132. Would be criminal if we did not bring it to the attention of the government—7133-4. Only read what is in the wire message—7136.

*Lemieux, Hon. Rodolphe* (Minister of Labour)—6908.

Reads a telegram from L. P. Eckstein; hopes in a few hours a third arbitrator will be agreed on—6909.

Reads telegram from C. L. Richardson urging action, and a report from W. L. Mackenzie King—7136-7. The owners of the mines have made a terrible mistake. Letter from Eckstein—7138. The mines in western Canada are all members of the American Association—7139. Have decided to send Mr. King to the west; the majority of the men are working—7140. His information is that that is not correct—7161. It is published merely to annoy the Labour Department—7143.

Reads a telegram from J. H. Sherman; will be shortly able to state the third arbitrator—7310.

Reads the telegram he has received from Mr. King; asks Borden not to press for the others—7543.

From the cheerful tone of telegram received hopes a settlement may have been reached—7693.

Telegram received from Mr. King last night—7838. Reads telegram and one from F. H. Sherman—7859. Reads a telegram from Mackenzie King—7871-2.

*Maclean, W. F.* (South York)—7146.

There is a call for some federal interference in the situation; should turn over the mines to the provinces—7146. The people should claim the right to control

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and operate the mines—7147. The telegrams involve the future of the country—7149. And you would not care to move it to the storage grounds?—7165. Is there any prospect of relief being obtained by waterway navigation?—7175. Can Lemieux say anything about the report as to the C.P.R.?—7310.

*McCarthy, M. S.* (Calgary)—6908.

Reads a telegram from E. L. Richardson urging immediate action—6908.

*McCraney, G. E.* (Saskatchewan)—7175.

Reported that Hon. Mr. Mothersill stated that Saskatchewan might go into the coal mining business—7171.

*Morin, J. B.* (Dorchester)—7168.

Do the miners work digging coal by the day or by the ton?—7168.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank* (Minister of the Interior)—7158.

The coal strike blamed for a partial failure of transportation—7158. Reads a letter from a merchant at Cowley; and Frank Board of Trade memorial—7159-60. Reads messages of inquiry and replies thereto—7161-2. Could not employ the men more than half the time, and some not even that—7163. The information was made the basis of a communication to the railways—7164. Now suffering the natural result of conditions existing last winter—7165. Last winter the mines were as badly off for a market as they have ever been—7166. The cost of handling bears a very large proportion to the total price—7167. The general public in fault in not laying in stores of coal—7168. The mine operators gave me the price at which they were selling—7175. If Saskatchewan wants to acquire coal lands it will be the business of the government to facilitate it—7176.

*Roche, Wm.* (Halifax)—7173.

The main thing is to induce householders to lay in their coal early—7173. Present solution for railway companies to accumulate coal at convenient points for distribution—7174.

*Ross, Duncan* (Yale-Cariboo)—7139.

That notice posted by the operators is clearly a violation of the Act—7139. Most of the miners are Slavs, who will not work in a post office or on a government railway—7140. Have to take these people in order to develop the mines—7144. The deputy minister should be armed with a club and apply it to both sides—7145. Some effort is being made to make political capital out of the situation—7146. Sherman's statement a contravention of the Act—7151. Does not want Herron to put words in his mouth that he never used—7152. Has made no reflection either upon American or Canadian miners—7153. Sproule has put words in his mouth he never uttered—7156. The club he had reference to was one of the pattern of Roosevelt's big stick—7157.