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I have asked some of these Secessionists as to what our conditions would likely be with our share of the Dominion Debt. The answer I get from some is that we would have no right to assume very much of the debt as ~~it~~ our compensating claim for share of Western lands would offset it.

Premier Kings attitude towards the recent delegation from here has hurt his party ^{terribly} some of his one time supporters I am told characterize his address as "not only silly but impertinent."

At the present moment, the Sydney strike is pressing attention to the Coal situation & the blame is I think laid to two main factors -
Outside Control of B. E. S. Co. & United States
Control of our Labor Unions x

The Nova Scotia Govt. will have to take the responsibility - & from what I hear on all sides it is going to crumble under it.

Looking from my own standpoint it seems to me that Ontario can save the Maritime Provinces for Confederation if she will - If she will use only Canadian Coal & Coke, if she will

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