

A HEAVY EXPORT DUTY ON ORE

Leave the Minerals Where They Are or Get Some Good Out of Them. Editor World: The writer of the following, having visited nearly every county in Ontario south of the C.P.R. main line, from one year along the north shore of Lake Superior and nearly two years on the prairie, in the craggy districts and in the Rocky Mountains. He has been through to Vancouver, has visited a portion of the McKenna route for the C.P.R. and feels free to assert that the Dominion of Canada, with a small of non-intercourse or total prohibition of all trade with the United States, has the people and the material within her own borders to build up a greater and wealthier nation within the next 20 years than our neighbors, and even then not so narrowly minded.

Few of our people having visited the "Great Lone Land," now teeming with wealth of cattle, horses, granaries, coal, oil, mineral tar and timber, have any idea of the tremendous resources that are following the building of our great transcontinental highway, which is spreading out and keeping pace with the building of the numerous branch railways, modern engineering having overcome the many difficulties formerly encountered and cheapened the cost of building railways. The development of our mining resources and other enterprises will be of great benefit to the benefit of some country, and it should be the subject heading this article let us take a rapid glance along the country traversed by the writer, commencing at Vancouver, B.C., that wonderful city which some five years ago rose from a prairie like from its ashes to become in the year 1860 a city of 15,000 inhabitants, with buildings which would credit to our older cities of Toronto and Montreal. Like others its progress is retarded by the want of export duty on ore. The Vancouver World says an immense transport business is being done in conveying iron ore from the mines of this district to the Oregon smelters for furnaces, and "with a proper duty on iron ore could be established at Vancouver, as capitalists would do as they had to do in 1875, start branches of their smelting furnaces, rolling mills, etc., in Vancouver, making this city the San Francisco of Canada."

Passing easterly along the Fraser River from New Westminster to Yale, we see the immense salmon run, together with rich deposits of the mineral "gold" benches and easy Columbia and gold copper ore from the Yale, Leveistock, Kootenay, and other districts. The product of these districts should be reduced to the manufacturing scale at Calgary, N.W.T., making a Canadian Devon there. Before leaving the mountains we must not overlook our beautiful national park, covering 570 square miles, with its famous hot springs, beautiful scenery, lakes and rivers, visited during the summer by thousands of people. The only reservation in Pennsylvania and which coal is smelted sought for along the Pacific and Northwestern states, but on account of the American capitalists, only work the mines three to four months in the year. American capital is wealth in this case. Nine miles east of this is the Brickerhoff which produces the finest smokeless coal in the world. Arrangements are being made by the British Admiralty to supply the Pacific squadron with this coal. These mines are American capital here, only good British and Canadian capital. These mines are within one mile of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is materially aiding in the development of all such industries.

The Camrose coal seams are on the south side of the C.P.R. track, and on the north side are large beds of iron ore and silver. Leaving Camrose for the east, we pass through the beautiful and fertile valleys of the Athabasca, Peace and McMackin Rivers, the Athabasca, Peace and McMackin petroleum fields in the word waiting for the extension of the Calgary, Edmonton and Athabasca Railway. The best quality of bituminous coal, in limitless quantities, varying from three to five feet in thickness, has all along the Bow, Elbow, Red Deer, Battle and North Saskatchewan rivers of Canadian territory, extending southward to within a few miles of the boundary line. South of the boundary the coal found is of use for commercial purposes. The section of the boundary of the coal found is a country extending easterly from the Rocky Mountains House for fully 800 miles, or along the McMackin route of the C.P.R., is nearly all agricultural country, free from sun-burnt mountains and short winters of from 12 to 15 weeks' duration. Here there is plenty of timber, coal, cereals, rivers, hay, and soil three to four feet in depth capable of growing grain and vegetables of the finest quality.

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able export duty Fort Arthur and Fort William combined only contain about 5000 inhabitants, instead of a population of 25,000, which they would have had if the \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000 worth of ore which has been transported to American smelters and refineries, been manufactured in Ontario. An export duty will prevent the Americans making an Island of Canada and will not prevent the investment of capital where it is to be made, in the speculator's mining paradise, where there are no restrictions or any limit to the land to be purchased at \$2 per acre.

On Maggot River, 13 miles east of McKay's Harbor (Kootenay), is a mine of zinc blende of great purity (94 per cent) and of unknown depth. The outcroppings in places measure 100 feet long and 20 feet wide, with thousands of above-mountain silver districts are rich lodes of copper, iron and galena. Malloio mine, in the Township of Laurier, is 9 feet wide, but unfortunately carrying very little silver. Yet if smelters were erected at Fort Arthur or the Bow this ore would then be valuable as a flux.

Still easterly are the Jockiah and Huron Bay silver districts, and passing over that large district between White Silver station and Huron Bay on the C.P.R., which has been so little prospected, we land at Sudbury. "Bonanza" Mackay, a great discoverer, if properly developed it would have the effect of clearing every other copper mine in the world. This was before the discovery of the rich mines of nickel, from which the present output of all the mines in the world combined. As it is established that there is plenty of coal between Sudbury and the Hudson Bay and that there is an inexhaustible supply of wood for making charcoal it is not time for Canadians to await the day when the market will be flooded with all Americans who visit our mining region to find so little Canadian capital invested in developing our resources and as the Standard Oil Company has its steel refinery at Findlay, Ont., in working order it will be prepared to supply the world with refined steel from the Canadian mines. But a Canadian export duty on the ore will put a damper on the refinery. That accounts for Mr. Ritchie's interest in the steel industry flying between Akron and Ottawa all the time. As Mr. Ritchie is also the owner of the Central Ontario Railway (subsidiary to the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Holding Co.) with the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Holding Co. he is interested in having the line extended to Sudbury. Now if he will do a little for his country, he might find Canadian capital for his consideration. Otherwise it would be as well to let the ore go over sitting for years longer until Canadians are prepared to build up a nationally, but by their industry prevent Canadians from owning lands (yet they own them) and make ready and spend it at home, restrict our railway, our agricultural trade, backed up by utterances of men like Erasmus Wiman, who will know that if they could control the destinies of Canada they would soon become many times millionaires.

We do not object to Americans investing in our mines by any means, on the contrary, we welcome them gladly, for they are paid the full value of every penny they invest, whatever they undertake. Our country is large, however, and the opportunities for investment and the making of handsome returns are great. Only a modicum of the profits are expected to be spent in manufacturing or retaining the ore to be paid for the mine or pig, or the paying of an export duty, which would help to pay the cost of a ship railway from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario and other railways from mines to navigable ports. We will expect the subject due consideration, we will expect the subject due consideration, we will expect the subject due consideration.

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