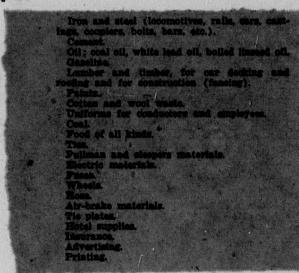
Let me also refer to the classes of articles which are required in great quantities as supplies and equipment for the National Railways:



The above statements speak for Themselves.

It is the reason why, at the time the Government policy was emunciated in 1918, and the law of incorporation was discussed in 1919, various suggestions were offered to eliminate this possibility of patronage. In 1918, Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that the National Railways should be operated under a commission similar to that which has administered the city of Washington D.C., and during the discussions of sec.l of the act of Incorporation in 1919, certain of our members suggested that appointments of directors might be made proportionately by both parties in the House.

Nothing of the kind was done and the principle of patronage although denounced in words by the Government, was kept alive in fact and in the legislation.

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