

*By Hon. Mr. Webster:*

Q. You do not see any chance of the Alberta operators invading the Ontario market?—A. You mean by Ontario, Toronto and that section?

Q. Yes.—A. None whatever.

*By Hon. Mr. Laird:*

Q. Are you referring to bituminous or to domestic coal?—A. All the Alberta coal is bituminous, practically.

Q. Of course the Alberta people do not claim to be able to ship bituminous. They would abandon the idea of shipping bituminous.

The CHAIRMAN: Better call it steam and domestic.

*By Hon. Mr. Laird:*

Q. They say their hope is to be able to ship domestic coal.—A. Even when they ship domestic coal, their coal is either bituminous or lignite.

*By Hon. Mr. Webster:*

Q. I think what Senator Laird has reference to is coal in competition with American anthracite for domestic use, and not for industrial purposes.—A. Of course the Westerner is not going to compete with bituminous coal against American anthracite; he is going to compete against American bituminous, because the American bituminous can be used just the same as the Western.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. There is less soot and smoke, they tell me.—A. Well, there may be.

*By Hon. Mr. Laird:*

Q. There is a great difference between bituminous and the Western coal that we call domestic or soft coal.—A. You can tell the coal pretty well by analysis.

Q. We can tell by practical use. We have been using it for twenty years. It is used for entirely different purposes and it is used with entirely different results.—A. Of course you understand quite well that Cape Breton coal or American bituminous coal will do very well for domestic use. Take the Maritime Provinces; there is no anthracite used there; it is all bituminous coal. We do not hear any complaints from them. They are quite happy with it.

*By Hon. Mr. Webster:*

Q. Ontario would be the natural market for Nova Scotia coal, rather than for coal brought in from Alberta, would it not?—A. Why, if Ontario is going to use domestic coal, my opinion is that she certainly will use Eastern and not Western coal. I am speaking of Eastern Ontario, not the district around Fort William.

Q. No.—A. But it seems to me that the Alberta miner can get immense relief—and he is entitled to some relief—by getting the Winnipeg market and the market at the head of the lakes, and by getting assistance to help production at a reasonable cost.

Q. Have you any idea of what would be the quantity of American coal imported into Fort William, for distribution in Manitoba as well as in Ontario? About?—A. I should think it would be well over 1,000,000 tons.

Q. Well over?—A. I should think so.

The CHAIRMAN: Probably Mr. Stutchbury could tell us that.