

that not more than two years' consumption for the furnaces of Ontario and Quebec shall be kept in stock.

13. No miner who is not a literate person, an adult, a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, and a resident of Ontario for one year preceding his engagement shall be employed in any of the public mines, but this shall not apply to Indians belonging to any reservation in the province. No youth under 16 years of age shall be employed at any work under or above ground.

14. Miners, while engaged in the public mines, their wives and families, shall be afforded the means of procuring groceries, provisions and necessary clothing at an advance of 2½ per cent. on the cost thereof laid down at the miners' dwellings, and no officer or workman engaged in any public mine shall sell goods on his own account or for other persons, to any miner or other workman in the public mines, on pain of dismissal; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the miners from carrying on a co-operative store for the supply of all kinds of commodities, except ales, wines and spirituous liquors.

15. No license shall be granted for the sale of ales, wines and spirituous liquors in any part of the districts of Thunder Bay, Algoma, Rainy River and Nipissing, not under municipal organization, or in any municipality hereafter to be organized, in which any public mine is operated at the date of such organization.

16. Allotments of land not exceeding forty acres shall be leased in perpetuity to miners and workmen on condition of cultivation and at nominal rentals. Allotments shall be made with due regard to the quantity of land available for the use of the miners and workmen at any mine.

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In conclusion, let me emphasize the following matters for consideration:—

1. The enormous waste of capital in the organization of mining enterprises under the present system.
2. The losses incurred by mining enterprises through the lack of skill of mining engineers and miners and through financial stringency and mismanagement.