

with its senior partner, which has played the greatest part in this war, and the integrity of whose Government I never shall question.

If my hon. friend has anything to say respecting what this Government has done with regard to nickel, let him put forward his facts, so that we may answer them. I think I am just about as jealous of the conduct of this Government in time of war as is my hon. friend or any other member of this House, and I do not relish the suggestion that this Dominion Government has in any way played into the hands of the enemy in time of war. I took the matter up, as I have already said, with the members of the British Government, and this Government has an absolutely clean conscience in the matter. If my hon. friend has any charges to make against us touching our conduct of this war, let him bring them forward specifically, instead of simply making insinuations.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: I want to answer one or two points of the minister. First of all he says that the International Nickel Company is a corporation outside the jurisdiction of Canada. As a matter of fact it has taken itself out of the jurisdiction of New Jersey, where it was compelled to pay \$3,500,000 of its profits in taxation in one year. It has come to Canada; it is here now, and is a Canadian organization.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: My hon. friend is incorrect in his statement.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: I am not. The International Nickel Company has its head office to-day in Toronto. It has advertised that it has left the United States.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: My hon. friend is confusing the International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, with the other company.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: I am speaking of the company that controls the products of our mines, and I say that its head office is in Toronto. If the United States could get this amount of taxation out of the profits this company made on the metal which they got from Canada, why was not our policy such as to compel the company to refine the metal in this country? This is a key industry. Sir Alfred Mond, who is head of the nickel trust, and a member of the Lloyd George Government, said in the statement I have referred to: "We have the key industry of the world in nickel, and we have it in Wales. We have it in Wales because

we bring our ores from Canada, and Canada does not interfere with us." British workmen get the work that Canadian workmen should have. All this ore should be smelted in Canada, but we have not got a national policy in that respect. He says that none of this metal, so far as he knows, got into Germany. I should like to know where the Deutschland got its cargo of nickel which it took over. It was the nickel refined by the International Nickel Company in New Jersey, refined from the ore taken out of the Sudbury mines. Some hon. member says that the Germans did not get our nickel. If the German undersea campaign had succeeded, and they hoped it would, and if the United States had kept out of the war, they would have continued to supply the German munitions factories and plants with nickel from Canadian mines.

Mr. M. CLARK: Would my hon. friend say that if there was a risk of a little getting to Germany, the whole supply to Britain should be cut off?

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: If we had control of this key industry, and if Britain or the United States wanted the nickel in a war in which we were associated with them, we should say to them: We want to check this metal off so as to make sure it will not get to the enemy. Before the United States entered the war, factories and foundries all over that country which required nickel for commercial purposes, as they alleged, could get a free supply. As we possessed this key metal, we should have insisted on checking it up. What I proposed at that time on the platform and in the press was that if our nickel had to be refined in the United States because we had no refinery in this country, the refined product should afterwards be sent to Canada, and we would dole it out to Great Britain and the United States. The United States to-day, I have been given to understand, had made an arrangement with this Government whereby they are to be allowed to take out of our country for their own war purposes our raw nickel ore. There has been no disclosure of that fact so far. The Minister of Finance said that I had made no direct charges against the Government, and that I should bring them forward if I have any disclosures to make. I am not in a position to make them yet, but they are coming along in a way which shows that the policy of Canada in regard to nickel has been improvident in every respect. We are not making those who control this nickel industry pay taxation.