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Cabinet's Actions In the Sugar Situation Reviewed.

SERIOUS FOR REFINERS Drop In Price Means Loss of \$25,000,000.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—(Special to The Free Press).—Now that the excitement over the sugar situation in Ottawa has died down, it is now possible to review dispassionately all the facts of the case.

Refined sugar is produced in Canada from cane sugar, imported chiefly from Cuba and the West Indies, also from islands in the Pacific and from sugar beets grown in Canada.

Canadian sugar refiners have now in stock and under purchase contracts due to arrive during the balance of this year 366,000,000 pounds of raw sugar, representing an investment of \$63,000,000, the sugar costing them practically 19c a pound laid down at the refineries.

The refiners claim that the cost of converting raw sugar into refined sugar is 3c a pound, which would make the cost of the refined sugar to them 22c a pound.

Since the refiners purchased these stocks and entered into these contracts for the purchase of stocks at the 19c per pound, the price of raw sugar has dropped tremendously, in fact, down to a pound 1c. 6c. New York, and in consequence of this refined sugar is selling to-day in the United States by refiners at 11c per pound.

Obviously the Canadian sugar refiners are badly caught. They cannot possibly compete with the United States laid down price in Canada without suffering tremendous losses. They are caught with 366,000,000 pounds of sugar, which in the very condition cost them 19c per pound, plus 3c for conversion, making 22c against United States refined sugar, which can be laid down in Canada by United States refiners at 11c.

The result is that all the refineries are shut down and it is stated that ruin stares the industry in the face. A drop of 7c per pound on their total holdings of sugar means a total loss of \$23,000,000.

The refiners submitted their case to the Board of Commerce, who passed an order on the 13th of October fixing the price of sale for the refiners at 18 1/2c per pound and practically prohibiting exportation.

The board acted entirely on their own motion and without the knowledge, consent, approval or even suggestion, of the Government or any member of the Government.

Within a few hours after the board's order was issued the Government took it into consideration and promptly suspended it on the ground that the board had no power or authority to issue it, and that the Government or Parliament never intended that they should have any such power.

It was intimated in the Government ruling suspending the operation of the order that an opportunity would be given to all parties interested to appear before the Government and submit their representations.

The Government hearing, which took place on Wednesday, October 29, only half an hour and at its conclusion the prime minister promptly stated that the order of the Board of Commerce was rescinded and cancelled permanently, which means that there is no Governmental price control or any other control of sugar, and that the people of Canada are at full and perfect liberty to buy sugar at the prevailing market price whatever it may be. In brief, the Government refuses to interfere with the laws of supply and demand.

Was there ever a better answer to the partisan cry that this Government is the friend and slave of the alleged big interests? Here is a great industry with an aggregate capitalization of \$14,000,000, threatened with complete extinction, and yet the Government refuses to help them to place the burden of their losses on the backs of the consumers of Canada.

REFINERS ARGUMENT. The argument of the refiners in asking for relief from the Board of Commerce was in brief as follows: They claim that the board fixed the price of sugar for months at a very much lower rate than the price prevailing in the United States, and that the Canadian trade mission prevented them from exporting to and taking advantage of the higher prices prevailing in the United States. It is their contention that the low prices fixed by the Board of Commerce meant a saving of \$20,000,000 to the people of Canada.

They further contend that the fact that they have such large stocks of raw sugar is due to pressure brought to bear upon them by the trade mission, who urged them to keep up their stocks in view of a possible sugar famine. It is also claimed by them that if they had been permitted to export and ob-

tain the high prices prevailing in the United States they would now have a sufficient surplus to enable them to absorb the losses due to the sudden drop in the price of raw sugar.

The reasons for the remarkable decline in the price of raw sugar are not clearly apparent, but it is stated by one reason that it is due to the fact that Cuban sugar planters were withholding their stocks of raw sugar in the expectation of higher prices and were carrying on their operations on advances from the Cuban banks. These banks, however, found themselves in financial difficulties on account of their extensive loans on sugar and to avoid serious financial trouble they were compelled to call their loans, with the result that large stocks of sugar, which had been withheld for higher prices, were thrown on the market.

The outstanding feature of the whole matter is that the prime minister and his Government acted with the most commendable promptness and firmness in upholding the rights of the people. It is worthy of special note that following the decision of the Government the members of the Board of Commerce, evidently dissatisfied with being overruled, resigned their positions, and their resignations were promptly accepted by the Government.

RAPS PEOPLE WHO WOULD STOP SMOKING

HAMILTON, Oct. 29.—(Canadian Press Dispatch).—Mayor Booker has no sympathy with people who would stop smoking. To-day he said to a group of anti-smokers: "I believe that these people are affected with a form of hydrophobia. They are nearly as bad as the people who want to cut off cigarettes from the soldiers. I believe that there is temperance in all things, even reform."

MONTREAL VICE RING IN A PANIC

Leader Puts His Head in Committee's Trap SOUGHT TO GIVE BRIBE For Protection of Number of Disorderly Houses

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—As a dramatic consequence of the recent amendment to the criminal code, which makes prison compulsory after the third conviction of a keeper of a disorderly house, the vice ring, as represented by the committee of 16 here to-day and intimated that there was something very profitable in it was that official if a string of houses in the central part of the city could be protected from the operations of the law.

A number of interviews were arranged and at the final one Frank appeared with a list of houses he wanted protected. The court stenographer was in hiding and took down the whole conversation.

The vice ring here is in a panic and the committee of 16, which has been waging war against commercialized vice for months past, has scored a notable victory.

REVOLT NEAR ODESSA.

ODENHAGEN, Oct. 29.—A dispatch to The Berlingske Tidende from Kovno, Lithuania, reports a revolt in the region of Podolia, Kherson and Odessa. Red troops were sent to quell the rebellion. Of these half joined in the defection and the others were decimated in the fighting. The dispatch adds that the Red forces are retiring from Kiev and are preparing to evacuate Odessa. The revolt is said to be extending toward Ekaterinoslav.

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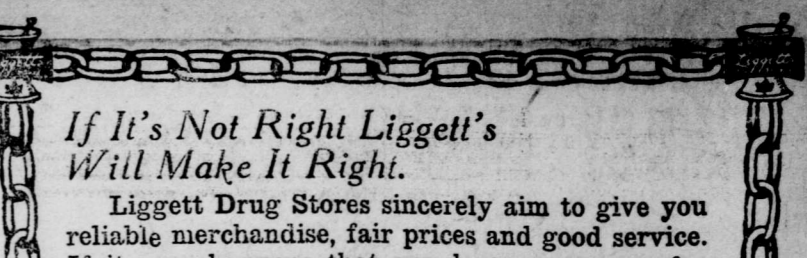
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