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HON. MR. CARVELL ON GOVERNMENT AND STRIKES

Plain Warning That Work or Fight
Rule Will be Enforced if Strike
Occurs at Sydney—Tribute to
Loyal Unions

Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, while in the city yesterday, was asked regarding the labor situation in Western Canada. He stated that unfortunately a very unsettled condition seemed to exist among certain portions of the labor unions, not only in Western Canada but in a lesser degree in certain portions of Eastern Canada as well. He was very emphatic in his belief that the I. W. O. and socialist propaganda of considerable importance was being carried on all over Canada and particularly in the west, and unfortunately many of the labor leaders were in his opinion very much influenced by these seditious doctrines.

He was very particular, however, to emphasize the fact that the big labor unions, such as the railway conductors, engineers, trimmen, telegraphers, and what is generally known as the Big Six and many other of the recognized trades unions, were not in any way affected by it. In fact, he thought that the part played by the big labor unions in Canada during this war had been of such a high patriotic character that it was an absolute justification of their existence and an evidence that properly conducted labor unions could exert a wonderful influence for good in any country.

Having provided methods for the fair investigation of all questions in dispute and realizing that tens of thousands of the very flower of the country are being conscripted, forced into the army at \$1.10 per day, with all the consequent risks attendant thereto, the government do not feel that any man is justified in ceasing work in any important national industry especially when no question of wages is involved and have agreed that during the continuance of the war these strikes must cease and those who will not obey the law must take the consequences, one of which is being conscripted into the army, no matter whether married or single so long as physically fit and not over forty-five years of age. If they do not come under the class to make soldiers then substantial fines and imprisonment are provided.

Mr. Carvell was very sorry indeed to have read in the papers that a strike was threatened in Sydney because of the dismissal of some employees by the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., but wished it distinctly understood that if any such took place the government would not hesitate to act with the firmness necessary to meet the situation. In other words, they lay down the principle that every man has a right to have his grievances investigated but no man has a right to cease work in any essential industry during the continuance of this war—every man physically fit should either work or fight.

LESS THAN HALF SUPPLY OF HARD COAL RECEIVED

In conversation with J. H. Frink, provincial fuel administrator in regard to the present coal situation a Telegram reporter was told that in the consideration of the fuel question it is perhaps well to consider the entire population of the province. This might be said to be about 800,000 people. Taking into consideration the population of the different cities and towns in the province the population may be divided into 200,000 people depending upon wood for fuel and 160,000 more or less depending upon coal.

"So far as anthracite coal is concerned the returns submitted by the United States fuel administration up to September 30 for the province of New Brunswick are as follows: Bathurst, 212 tons; Campbellton, 1,268 tons; Chatham, 412 tons; Dalhousie, 180 tons; Fredericton, 8,228 tons; St. Andrews, 241 tons; St. George, 507 tons; St. John, 21,992 tons; St. Stephen, 1,118 tons; making a total of 28,168 tons.

"The returns for the month of October from local importations recorded here at least 5,000 tons may be added to this total. As the allotment for the province of New Brunswick is 75,000 tons there will have to come in 46,832 tons make up the allotment. It does not seem possible that this amount can get in before the first of December, but I have today a letter from E. W. Parker, of the anthracite distribution committee of the United States, that he has sent urgent notice to each shipper into the Canadian provinces to speed up on their shipments, so that at least one half of the tonnage due for the rest of the year may be shipped before the last of December. Several towns in the province of New Brunswick which consume more or less anthracite have not as yet received a pound of coal, notably Dorchester, Moncton, Richibucto, Newcastle, Dalhousie, Grand Falls and Edmundston. A few of the towns have received a small portion of coal which has been apportioned to them, for instance Woodville about twenty-five per cent, St. Stephen about thirty-three per cent, but things are underway at the present time which will probably give them some relief.

"The price of anthracite," said Dr. Frink, "still remains about \$16.00 to \$20.00 per ton and this is due to the high rates charged by vessels carrying coal from United States ports here. If coal could be brought by rail it would be at least \$2.00 per ton cheaper, but the difficulties surrounding the importation of anthracite coal by rail to the province appear to be insurmountable. "Plenty of coal," he continued, "are at the United States border to bring coal to Canada, but mine operators will not ship in box cars if they can possibly avoid it and will not let open ones go outside their own territory. "Altogether as far as the anthracite situation is concerned in St. John it is slightly better than anticipated, but in various parts of the province where coal can only be delivered by rail there will be considerable suffering if this regulation governing open coal cars, destined for Canadian points, is not amended. "As far as bituminous coal is concerned it is in great demand but the supply is more or less steady," said Dr. Frink. "Especially is this true for domestic users. Today it is hardly possible to obtain screened coal from the Nova Scotia mines. Nearly all of it comes to the province as run of mine. It has to be screened here or elsewhere and about one-third is slack coal. Orders which are placed for screened coal receive no consideration and this percentage of slack has to be paid for by the consumer and that is one reason why coal for domestic users remains at a price which two years ago would be considered criminal.

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Dr. Frink said he had received yesterday two large boxes of Welsh anthracite from Swansea, Wales. This is said to be the best anthracite beneath the earth—but the price and freight quoted make it almost prohibitive here. Any responsible person desirous of trying a sample of this Welsh anthracite can have it on application.

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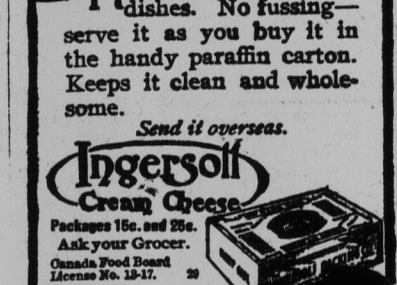


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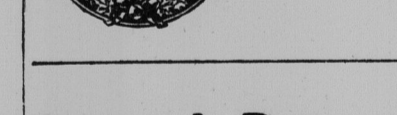
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