

MORE ABOUT THE SUBURBY BOARD OF TRADE AND NICKEL

We think the public may be interested in learning further details of that meeting of the Board of Trade, to which we have more than once alluded. It will be remembered that Mr. J. F. Black, who happens to be president of the Board of Trade, wrote a letter to the British Board of Trade (a department of the government), calling their attention to the fact that some of the nickel mined in Canada and refined in the United States was liable to be shipped into Germany.

Then, what happened? The British Board of Trade either made some enquiry of the nickel trust or referred the matter to the Dominion Government. Quite likely the latter course was taken because the responsibility for Canadian nickel getting into the hands of the enemy rests primarily, if not altogether, upon Canada. At any rate the nickel trust learned of Mr. Black's letter, and thereupon commanded the Suburb Board of Trade to discipline their president.

Mr. F. Gorman, secretary board of trade, Suburb, Ont. Dear Sir: The following cable has been received from Gardner, of Meriton & Company, London, England. Gardner, the Canadian Copper Company, recently made contact with South American republic for large quantities of nickel and copper, suspect ultimate destination Germany.

Mr. Gardner adds: From Mr. Gardner's cable it would generally be assumed that this statement was made by Mr. Black in his official capacity as president of the Suburb Board of Trade. The situation is one which at this juncture requires frankness, for we feel that Copper Cliff, B. I. A., to the effect that no such contract has been made by us, and no ships of nickel or copper made.

As we understand it the Canadian Copper Company merely gets the ore out of the earth, reduces it to a Bessemer matte of nickel, copper, platinum (small quantity) and sulphur, and ships the entire output to the American Nickel Company, neither knowing nor caring what becomes of the refined nickel. Any contract for refined nickel would be made with the American Nickel Company, and not with the Canadian firm in Suburb. But assuming for the moment that the reports which reached Mr. Black were unfounded, it is not a perfect right, even a duty, to report them to His Majesty's government for investigation?

The following was then presented by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Bell: That the secretary be instructed to reply to the Canadian Copper Company, dated 20th, B. I. A., to the effect that the board of trade at present, authorized its president, Mr. J. F. Black, in his capacity as president, nor on behalf of this board, to state to the British Board of Trade, or to any other body or person, that the Canadian Copper Company is in contract with a South American republic for large quantities of nickel and copper, suspecting the ultimate destination to Germany, and that this board of trade repudiates the action of Mr. J. F. Black in so doing.

We wonder what the Suburb Board of Trade would have done had Mr. Black written to the Kaiser on board of trade note paper, telling him how to get a supply of nickel from Copper Cliff. They would scarcely have been more indignant than they were at his patriotic letter to the British Government. In another resolution passed by the board, expressing its belief that no nickel goes from the United States to Germany, and declaring its unbounded faith in the resolutions taken by the Dominion Government, Mr. Black and his kind are referred to as "misguided patriots." That resolution we have already discussed, and we have ventured to think that a handful of merchants in Suburb, Ontario, have no means of knowing what shipments of nickel go out from all the ports of the United States.

There is one fact worth mentioning. The resolution of confidence in the nickel trust and the Dominion Government, as first drafted and passed, was to be sent to the various boards of trade throughout Ontario, who are soon to assemble in convention. But as the members of the board were filing out, we learn that they were hurriedly called back by Postmaster McLeod, and a vote passed, directing the secretary not to send the resolution to the associated boards of trade, but to send copies of the same to Hon. F. Cochrane, Premier of Ontario, and Mr. Chas. McCrea, M.L.A. Mr. McLeod indeed warned his hearers that the "Toronto clique" not only objected to furnishing the Kaiser with Canadian nickel, but that they also, in their misguided patriotism, wanted to see nickel ore refined in Canada.

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Editor World: With all respect for Sir George E. Foster's pronouncement that Canadian nickel is not finding its way into Germany, and the British Admiralty is perfectly satisfied of such, this statement has been reiterated again and again by those in authority, in such an unsubstantiated manner as to be entirely devoid of proof. It has been shown by one whom a British authority pronounced as being satisfied, that a consignment of nickel to a neutral country will not reach Germany.

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No decision regarding the good roads improvement has been made by the council. For years the village has been paying a road levy to the county, and if the village goes in with the rest of the county, the money, it is felt, will have been thrown away.

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PROSPECTS BRIGHT IN NEW TORONTO

The Weston Dramatic Club proposes to stage a three-act comedy, entitled, "Our Regiment" in the Weston town hall on Friday evening, Feb. 5, 1915. The play is written by one of the authors of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and is under the direction of W. J. Stanislaus Roman of the Harbour Conservatory of Music, who will take the leading part of Guy Warwick in "Our Regiment" rehearsals are now being held.

NEW INDUSTRY COMING

At a special meeting of the New Toronto Council it was determined that the council should support a bill in view of the work now being done in connection with the water system, the water supply system, the Light, Power and Water Commission of the Village.

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CHAUFFEUR HELD PENDING INQUIRY

Civilian Employee Knocked Down and Injured by Big Motor Car.

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