

Canadians be given an opportunity of putting Canadian refined nickel on the market and Canadian labor and Canadian investment in our railways and shipping of receiving a larger and fairer share of these benefits than now ?

If an export duty is imposed, Canadian capital for the erection of refineries here can at once be found.

The imposition of an export duty will place Canadians on an equal footing with this Company, who have so long been allowed to exercise without hinderance privileges never conferred upon them by our Parliament.

Surely the time has arrived for Canadians to insist upon this Company living up to the spirit of their charter and on such legislation as will give to Canadian capital a fair chance of earning dividends from the development of our own resources.

If the United States would let refined nickel in free, Canada could compete in their markets. At present the law is all one sided ; they take our matte free and with comparatively little benefit to us, and refuse to let any refined product in except on payment of a duty of \$120 to \$160 a ton. Either they should put refined nickel on their free list or we should impose an export duty on nickel matte.

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