

where," would be a surrender on the part of Parliament and the Government forever the right to impose any export duties upon any of the products of these corporations. Both the Government and the Committee on Private Bills positively refused to allow this provision to go into the bills for either of the Mining Corporations, and the words "or elsewhere" were stricken out, as may be seen by reference to the original bill as introduced and as amended, now in the possession of the Clerk on Private Bills, as well as photographic copies of the bills in my possession which I will be glad to show to any member of Parliament.

I was President of the Canadian Copper Company at the time these Acts were passed, and as a condition of Parliament passing the Acts I was obliged to agree, on behalf of these Companies, that all the smelting, refining and manufacturing of these ores should be done in Canada, although at that time the mines were only known to contain copper. The letter of the Hon. Mr. Ives, who was Chairman of the Committee when these Acts were passed, tells the story. It reads as follows:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

APRIL 29TH, 1897.

S. J. RITCHIE, Esq.,

MY DEAR SIR;—

I have your letter of the 20th instant, referring to the passing of two Acts in 1886, the one respecting the Canadian Copper Company, and the other respecting the Anglo American Iron Company. I was the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee of the House of Commons at that time, and have to day refreshed my memory by looking over the original records. I find that the Bills as brought before the Committee asked power to establish treating and smelting works in any Province of Canada *or elsewhere*.

The words "or elsewhere" were stricken out by the Committee with the view of forcing the Companies to treat and refine their ores in Canada.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) W. B. IVES.

The exercise of the powers granted by the last session of Parliament to the Government would not alone be carrying out a policy, but would be a means of enforcing a definite and specific contract—a contract which has for ten years been