TO GET FACTS IN GIVE WELCOME TO CATHOLIC VISITOR TIMBER INQUIRY

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Apostolic Delegate Arrives for searching for the truth of the fact," said the justice. "In that light I have investigated the history of Can-ada. The story of Canada cannot be told in one lecture or a dozen, yet no one can understand Canada Archbishop's Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

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BROTHERHOOD WORK IS OUTLINED

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Perhaps the keynote of last night's addresses at the banquet held at the King Edward Hotel in honor of the guests of the Toronto district of the World Brotherhood Federation, the British, Norwegian, Chinese and American delegates to the recent congress

delegates to the recent congress at Washington was the work of the brother-hood as an assayer of the principles of Jesus out of the dross of bigotry, reli-glous, economic and social, which swept the world from end to end. To this fac-tor both Premier Drury and William Ward, president f the brotherhood, paid special attention, pointing out that the aim of this great organization was the commitment of all races, all creeds, all phases of society to the ideal of toler-ance, democracy and brotherhod in the highest and bradest sense of these terms. Ex-Controller McCarthy presided, and among the speakers of the evening were the premier; Ben Spoor, M.P. for Bishop Auckland, Durham; William Ward, presi-dent of the brotherhood; Thomas Howell world commissioner for the brotherhood; Rev. Tom Sykes, general secretary; Rev, Canon Skey of St. Anne's Anglican Church; Dr. Williams, and last, but by no means least, Dr. Lily Hober of Chris-tiana University, while among the guests of the avening were Ray Canon Blumpites. tiana University, while among the guests of the evening were Rev. Canon Plumptre, Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general for Ontario: Commissioner Richards of the

Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney and Ontario: Commissioner Richards of the Salvation Army, Rev. Canon Cayley and many other distinguished divines and laymen of Europe and Toronto. Premier Drury emphasized the work of the brotherhood as purging the work generally of those elements in society and politics which aimed to create fac-tional fights and unnecessary disturb-ance for no other purpose than to ex-mediatrable angles of bigotry an nce for no other purpose undesirable angles of en ntolerance in all fields of en In his address of the bro

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The Truth About Sugar

THE Sugar Industry of Canada is confronted with a serious situation and has appealed to the Government to come to its assistance.

Ignorance of the circumstances leading up to this situation has led many people to enter objections to the measures of relief that have been proposed.

The purpose of this statement is to put the plain facts before the people of Canada, in the belief that at heart they want to play fair and are willing to accord a square deal to everyone.

The present upheaval in the world's sugar trade has been brought about by enforced liquidation of some large stocks of raw and refined sugars held by American and Cuban interests. Its effect in Cuba, where some of the native banks have been forced to suspend payments and where the Government has put into effect a sixty-day moratorium, are of common knowledge.

A feature of the disturbance has been the dumping upon the American market of a quantity of so-called "distressed" sugar, in amount relatively unimportant to the whole supply, but sufficient, nevertheless, temporarily, to disorganize the trade.

Part of this "distressed" sugar, forced into the market under conditions of practical bankruptcy, has found its way into Canada, where it has, temporarily, upset trading conditions and made it impossible for Canadian Refineries to market their product except at a ruinous loss.

It is pertinent to observe that the low prices quoted for this "distressed" sugar now being dumped in Canada, by no means reflect the true market price in the United States. Only a day or two ago the newspapers announced that the American Sugar Refineries Company, the largest sugar refiners in the States, and who control some 40 per cent. of the production of that country, are selling sugar on the basis of 221/2 cents a pound, equivalent to 25 cents in Canada, at the present rate of exchange, several cents a pound higher than that contemplated for Canada in the order made by the Board of Commerce, and since set aside.

At the present time the plants of four of the largest Canadian Refineries are closed; thousands of men are out of employment; millions of capital are temporarily inactive and unproductive. The refineries have bought or are committed to buy raw sugars to the value of over \$60,000,000. Their sales in Canada, due to the conditions before stated, are at a standstill. It follows that the financing of the raw sugar already under contract, should these conditions continue indefinitely, will be an impossible task for the refineries with all their resources. The burden will devolve upon the banks if a critical situation comparable to a panic is to be avoided.

Government control went farther and even prevented the resale abroad of raw sugars not necessarily needed in Canada.

Government control caused the refineries to lay in additional stocks of raw sugars after the price had advanced and when it was economically less desirable to buy.

Throughout all these transactions, the refineries vigorously protested against the invasion of their rights and frequently gave warning as to what the ultimate result would be. They were met by assurances that their rights would be fully protected.

In meeting their objections the Board of Commerce promised that the refiners would be protected in a falling market to the same extent that they had been deprived, by the Board, of their opportunity to take advantage of a rising market.

'The Board of Commerce, in a ruling dated June 11, 1920, laid down this principle:---

"The Board will not recognize prices based on replacement values on a rising market. It will be its duty in good time, as it hopes, to as carefully protect the trader on a falling market by permitting him to average his cost down as it must now carefully protect the consumer in

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compelling the trader to average his costs up." The present appeal of the refiners to the Government and to the Board of Commerce is merely a request for a fulfilment of the pledge thus given.

In the same judgment, as illustrating the powers of the Board, it says:---

"The Board will prohibit all refiners from selling to other than wholesalers. It will pro-hibit wholesalers from buying from other than refiners. It will prohibit speculators from buy-ing or selling at all." In other words, the Board assumed full power

to control the price as well as the conditions

The wholesale grocers' associations are not taking part, as they contend they are not concerned, and the board of trade and Canadian Manufacturers' Association are also standing also The U.F.O. will be represented.

SCHOOL FEE QUESTION. According to reports some two hun-ed Catholic children have been turn-

dred Catholic children have been turn-ed away from public schools during the present term. The question of charging a fee of \$3 a month, the same as for non-resident pupils, is said to be under discussion for all children whose parents do not pay taxes to the public schools. A report submitted at an executive meeting of the Ontario Safety League at luncheon yesterday shows that the campaign was a huge success as com-pared with other years, and an ag-gressive campaign will be waged to make all weeks safe.

tied every three months, when once the impression got abroad that it was only recessary to threaten a strike in order to get something; Any government acting with re-sponsibility would only give way, he declared, when it was assured that the demands were justified. Any gov-ernment doing less would be fulling in

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would more strongly be assured soon with the expenditure of \$100,000,000 in improving New York's harbor and dock facilities, it was asserted in a paper by Charles H. Chadwick, com-missioner of the New York board of water supply, which was read at the hearing. SAFETY WEEK SUCCESS. A report submitted at an executive meeting of the Ontario Safety League at luncheon yesterday shows that the campaign was a huge success as com-pared with other years, and an ag-

terness with which the question had been discussed. He then referred to Mr. Brace's suggestion, which he com-

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plained was in many respects obscure. He said if a settlement was to be at-tained it must be on something more definite, which would not merely post-pone the dispute to the future and sow the seeds of future trouble, not only in the mining but in every other industry. Reviewing the history of the dispute, the premier reiterated the desire of the government to listen to all arguments. He contended that any settlement should inglude some inducement to in-crease the output and lengthly criti-cized Mr. Brace's suggestion, arguing that if at the end of the year it was found that the output had not been increased and an attempt was made to withdraw the increase in wages, there would be another strike. The government was not entitled to keep the country in suspense all that time. The government sincerely de-sired to find an issue to the dispute, and was prepared to examine any

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for increased remuneration. At the conclusion of the premier's speech a discussion ensued between Mr. Lloyd George and the labor leaders on William Adamson's pro-posal that the government summon a meeting of the miners' executive and coal compare

and coal owners. Arthur Henders Arthur Henderson, who was chi man of the labor party in the or mons for several years, thought premier could not have a more vorable moment for bringing parties together again. Mr. Li George replied that he wanted

The question naturally arises, why have the Canadian Sugar Refineries allowed this situation to develop and what justification have they for appealing for public support of their industry in this crisis?

The Refineries disclaim responsibility for the situation.

They maintain that if they had been left to shape their own course the situation, so far as they are concerned, would not have developed.

They frankly admit that had control of their business not been taken out of their hands by agents of the Government, they would now have no shadow of excuse for appealing for protection.

What are the facts?

For over a year the Board of Commerce, created by the Government, exercised absolute control over the prices at which sugar could be sold in Canada, and fixed the price, from time to time, on a basis contrary to all established commercial usages.

At the same time the Trade Commission, another agency of the Government, refused permission to the refiners to export sugar, which they might have done and thereby reduced their liabilities very materially without injury to the domestic market.

under which sugar was marketed in Canada. The ruling recently made by the Board and

suspended by the Government, pending a further hearing, was in strict conformity with the principles the Board had laid down and is in no sense an innovation.

Sugar control and restrictions on exports were finally lifted July 1st, 1920, but with the order revoking the restriction's a letter was issued from the Department of Trade and Commerce which practically once more tied the hands of the refineries so that they were not free even then to sell their products in the world's markets, where the price was still some six cents a pound higher than the prevailing market price in Canada.

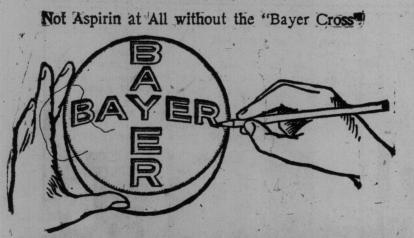
Had they been left entirely free, even at this late date, to adjust their trade to the new conditions, Canadian refiners could have sold their products abroad at a price that would have protected them against the slump which has since ensued, and enabled them to meet later conditions without serious loss. Again, they

were prevented from doing so. The actual cost of Government control to the Sugar Refineries of Canada, irrespective of the losses which now confront them in the disposal of their present stocks, is conservatively estimated at from twenty to twenty-five million dollars.

The refiners have facts and figures to prove that their losses, if compelled to sell in competi-tion with "distressed" sugar dumped into Canada from the States, will run into many additional millions.

The sugar refineries are in a different position from any other class of manufacturers in Canada, whose products have not been under Government control, and who have not been denied the right to a free market.

The refiners do not believe, when the situation is fully and fairly analyzed, that their request involves any serious hardship upon the Canadian public. On the contrary, taking into account the benefits the public have already enjoyed in having been enabled to purchase sugar in Canada for months at a time at a price materially lower than the price prevailing in the world's market, amounting, at times, to 10 cents or more a pound; having regard for the national interests involved in keeping the sugar industry actively operating and preventing the loss occasioned by unemployad labor and unproductive capital; considering, furthermore, the strong advisability of keeping trade within the national boundaries instead of sending it abroad where a Canadian dollar is regarded as being worth only 90 cents or less; and having regard, above all, for the very grave necessity of maintaining Canada's industrial, financial and commercial equilibrium in these trying days of world-wide readjustment, the Sugar Re-fineries of Canada believe that both the Government and the people will admit the justice and fairness of their position and will afford them the temporary consideration necessary to meet the situation.



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