

there is a deep laid plot to hold up prices—and this despite the fact that, in the bituminous field, demurrage coal is more difficult to sell than mine shipments. Apparently whatever the coal man does, he should have done just the opposite.

"In the face of this popular belief that the basic industry of the country is endowed with a genius for doing the wrong thing, the failure of the coal man to take the public into his confidence is understandable. Nevertheless it is regrettable. The attempt to present the story of coal fully and frankly should be made with more frequency, even when it is known in advance that the attempt is foredoomed to failure. The trouble is not wholly upon the side of the public. The public, it is true, is wrong in its judgment, biased in its interpretation of the facts, but the facts themselves are not offered freely enough and often enough. The recent advertising announcement quoting the statement of Dr. Garfield with respect to anthracite costs is a case in point. Presumably this advertising copy was financed by the anthracite interests. There was nothing of which to be ashamed in the copy or the facts upon which it was based, but it went before the public cursed with anonymity. It excited suspicion where it should have opened the mind of the reader. It raised questions that it did not answer."

I clip the following from an old country paper. There is food for thought in it. Some, in Canada, are of opinion that the government, during the war, have been a little too lavish of money, have been, for instance, stampeded by the McAdoo action in regard to railway employees, and are, in a measure, responsible for the extravagant wages in some branches of industry. It may be that the government could not help it, and yet, when the time comes, when wages must be lower if the country is to meet competition, the government will have to bear the censure that may fall upon it for prodigality in war times. Here is an opinion from a railway magnate regarding the part played by the British government. I am not going to give any opinion on the point:

"Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman, speaking at the Great Eastern Railway meeting, said the condition of affairs at home, especially as regarded labour, afforded ground for grave concern. 'The plain fact is that for the last three years the country has been debauched by Government money, lavishly bestowed, without the least regard to supervision or control. (Hear, hear.) It has had the effect of temporarily perverting the moral sense of those who have been exposed to its influence.'"

"What has happened during the last nine months? One concession following upon another on the part of the Government—concessions not to reasoned argument, not in the interests of justice and fair play, but to brute force. (Hear, hear.) Brute force in any shape was contrary to the instincts of the British nation. (Applause.) We have disposed of it on the Continent. We are surely not going to allow it, fostered by those who have not risked their lives or suffered the unspeakable miseries of trench life, to raise its noxious head at home. (Hear, hear.) The time is arriving when the Government must take off the velvet gloves which they have worn too long. (Hear, hear.) Adequate wages and shorter hours of labor were all very well in themselves. All must rejoice that they had become possible under the sweeping reform in our fiscal system which must shortly be announced. But un-

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Coal Shipments, February, 1919

—DOMINION COAL CO., LTD.

Output and Shipments for February, 1919

Output	Shipments
Dominion No. 1 30 429	
Dominion No. 2 56 151	
Dominion No. 4 29 070	
Dominion No. 5 7 467	
Dominion No. 6 19 518	
Dominion No. 7 nil	
Dominion No. 9 21 481	
Dominion No. 10 7 748	192 990
Dominion No. 11 12 106	
Dominion No. 12 14 361	
Dominion No. 13 16 712	
Dominion No. 15 11 843	
Dominion No. 16 13 262	
Dominion No. 21 12 247	
Dominion No. 22 10 481	
262 876	

Shipments	Feb. 1919.....	192 990
Shipments	" 1918.....	203 200
Decrease	" 1919.....	10 210
Shipments	2 mos. 1919.....	420 660
"	2 " 1918.....	436 317
Decrease	2 " 1919.....	15 657

SPRINGHILL.

Shipments	Feb. 1919.....	21 274
"	" 1918.....	25 107
Decrease	" 1919.....	3 833
Shipments	2 mos. 1919.....	46 542
"	2 " 1918.....	51 882
Decrease	2 " 1919.....	5 340

—NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO.—

Shipments	Feb. 1919.....	22 947
"	" 1918.....	42 318
Decrease	" 1919.....	19 371
Shipments	2 mos. 1919.....	62 043
"	2 " 1918.....	89 315
Decrease	2 " 1919.....	27 272

ACADIA COAL CO.

Shipments	Feb. 1919.....	27 344
"	" 1918.....	8 815
Increase	" 1919.....	18 529
Shipments	2 mos. 1919.....	69 862
"	2 " 1918.....	33 116
Increase	2 " 1919.....	36 746

INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.

Shipments	Feb. 1919.....	11 287
"	" 1918.....	13 442
Decrease	" 1919.....	2 155
Shipments	2 mos. 1919.....	23 617
"	2 " 1918.....	28 106
Decrease	2 " 1919.....	4 489