

CANADIANS ASSAIL COMMERCE BOARD

Delegates at Ottawa Hearing Resent Threats to Cut Off Exports.

HIDES CITED AS INSTANCE

American Bacon, With Duty Added, Sells Cheaper Than the Home Product.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun. OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 20.—In connection with proposals to increase the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Commerce to \$10,000 and two assistant commissioners to \$8,000, Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer, Alberta, offered some plain criticism of the threats made down. That was characterized as "economic insanity" by Dr. Clark. Other members joined in the criticism of Mr. O'Connor, asserting that talk of the swashbuckler kind was no encouragement to men to make a success of business or increase production. Threats to put farmers in jail if they put the price of milk up were cited.

Edward Proulx of Prescott said the Government had taken the wrong step in forbidding export of hides. It would have been better to take the duty off than to stop export. Donald Sutherland asserted that the regulation had the effect of leading to the export of thousands of live cattle to the United States that otherwise would have been kept here, because their hides would bring a higher price over there. Another rural member thought there were too many commissions in the country. On a point of order that the board is a court and judges are not subject to criticism the discussion was confined to policy. But it was added that two members were lawyers and the third a journalist.

Food Inquiry Ordered.

The Board of Commerce, according to the announcement of the chairman, H. A. Robson, will open an inquiry into prices of food commodities and costs of production in Toronto next Tuesday. Vigorous action is promised to reduce the cost of living once the required information is available.

The board has power under the act to make investigations, fix prices and take the initial steps for production of goods under the Criminal Code. The entire programme of the board is quite experimental, in the light of American experience, but public opinion demanded action and it will be provided. Some of the wisest men in politics at Ottawa gave no support to the plan to reduce prices by law or through this court, but they found themselves in a minority. The moral reformers have taught this generation strong faith in the power of specific law, and it is entirely probable that some of the same limited desired results will follow. The export of making money which the war afforded has gone. The unrest of the people is also passing. Labor supply is becoming more equal to the demand at home and with the increased production which is sure to follow in all countries as they settle down prices are due to fall. But the change will be gradual. Meetings of the Board of Commerce will be able to reap some credit for its activity and give evidence of results for money spent.

Earlier Hearings Unfruitful.

The sessions of the board in Toronto and Hamilton were not productive of any substantial results. In Hamilton one man came seriously before the Commission and complained of the price of cheese sandwiches at 10 cents. He had samples of the sandwiches in a bag and proceeded to spread them over the Commissioner's desk, action which Mr. O'Connor resented, saying he did not care to have his work desk decorated in that way. The informer was insisted on his charge of profiteering, but the Commissioner was obtuse and ended the interview with: "I don't think profiteering is expected when one is sitting in a judicial capacity, and one's reputation or ability is assailed."

But a semblance of importance was lent to the sessions by consideration of the bacon stocks and how and where to sell them. Export demand was given the credit of keeping pork at good prices by packers testifying. Live hogs are worth \$16.50 to \$18 in the Winnipeg and Toronto markets. Live stock men and packers assert that if the export market is denied them the price of hogs will go down immediately. One Winnipeg packer testified that the prices paid for pork so far this year were as follows: January, \$16.54 a hundred weight; February, \$16.54; March, \$16.37; April, \$20.29; May, \$20.51; June, \$20.41; July, \$22.15; August, \$21.04. It came out at the inquiries that there is a million pounds of lower grade bacon in Toronto and half a million in Winnipeg, such as has been going to the English market. It is now proposed to give the Canadian consumer a chance to buy that quality. The packers testify that the cheaper commodity will not sell in Canada, but the Commissioners are going to give the consumers a lesson in how to run their business and show the public what they want. A packer on the witness stand said the stocks of bacon had increased during the summer chiefly because of a shortage of shipping. Lower prices were not due to action of the board but to lower prices of live hogs.

American Bacon Cheaper.

The board found that in Winnipeg American bacon could be imported and sold for less than the home product. The Armour bacon could be laid down for 20-25 cents after paying the 3 cents duty, while the local packers wanted 45%, a difference of more than 44 cents a pound. That was for second grade. On the first grade bacon the price of the imported was 42% and 40% for the home product. These facts led the chairman to state that the board would have to consider the question of requesting the Government to take off the duty on bacon, procedure which is provided for in the Act under which the Board was given its power.

The board aims to prohibit the sale of all fancy bacon. It is also intended to adopt regulations covering packing plants and those products handled by them—butter, eggs, cured meats and cold storage material in general. Direct inquiry will be made into the cost of living in Calgary, Edmonton and Regina by an officer of the board, and it is stated that it is the purpose of the Commissioners to deal with all the necessities of life, including boots and shoes and clothing. Another series of hearings will be held in Montreal.

Montreal prices for eggs and meat at local stores over a wide area of the city show that eggs are sold at from 55 to 65 cents a dozen, creamery butter at 42 cents and 40 cents, beefsteak from 25 to 45 cents and pork chops from 25 to 45 cents a pound.

Sugar Hoarding Discovers.

After holding some sessions in Montreal and dealing with the supply and

SIBERIANS HERE SEEK U. S. TRADE

Organization Formed to Exploit Industrial Resources of Country.

BOLSHEVISM'S END SEEN

Americans Warned That They Have a Keen Competitor in Japan.

The resources of Siberia, its vast possibilities as a commercial field for American enterprise and industry, will be brought to the attention of the public by a committee formed in this city yesterday afternoon and known as the American Committee of Siberian Cooperative Union.

A number of well known Siberian business men and those having interests in that country are responsible for the new organization. They are desirous of bringing before the American people the true economic conditions in Siberia.

Fire Routes Wounded Soldiers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 20.—All the patients at the Shaughnessy Military Convalescent Hospital here were carried outside to safety by rescue parties today when fire destroyed the east wing of the hospital building. All the hospital equipment was saved.

BANDITS GET \$4,376 IN TWO NOON JOBS

Clerk Relieved of Payroll in Cedar Street; Had Two Guards.

GIRL BLINDED, ROBBED

Police and Truckmen Give Chase, Arrest Youth on Suspicion.

Three policemen and half a dozen truckmen chased eight blocks after a gang of fleeing youths yesterday afternoon and finally captured John Simonelli, 21, of 264 First avenue at Charlton and Varick streets. The truckmen, who were the first to take up the chase, giving an alarm which the policemen in the neighborhood were quick to hear, said they had seen the young men throw a powder into the face of Miss Gladys Cohen, a cashier, when she left the People's National Bank with the payroll of her firm. The girl was temporarily blinded by

CHASED THE FUGITIVE INTO A HALLWAY AT 84 CEDAR STREET, BUT THEY WERE TOO LATE. A DOOR ON AN UPPER FLOOR SLAMMED AS THE MEN MOUNTED THE STAIRS, BUT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN AN ENTRANCE. DOBBINS SAID HE OBTAINED A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF THE ROBBER. HE SAID HE HAD NEVER BEFORE TAKEN THE ROUTE THROUGH CEDAR STREET WITH THE PAYROLL, BUT HAD DONE SO YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF THE EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERIES. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY BURNS BROTHERS FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Detectives who watched two men pry open a door of the dental laboratory of Edward Schmeier, 5 Avenue B, shortly after midnight yesterday arrested Harry, alias "Hopper" Morgenstein of 83 Clinton street, and David Marka, 25, a clerk, of 196 East Third street, for burglary. The officers said they watched the manipulation of the crowbar at the laboratory door and waited until the men disappeared inside. They then watched from a window as two men drilled into a safe by using the crowbar to twist off the safe door. The detectives then arrested the men. There was \$500 in the safe.

The police yesterday reported a hold-up and robbery of Richard H. Arnold, a Bronx lawyer, who is secretary to Supreme Court Justice Tierney, late Friday night. Arnold was on his way to his home at 2387 Middletown road, The Bronx, when at Mayuover avenue he was set upon by three men, one of whom struck him on the head with a blackjack. When he regained consciousness he crawled three blocks to his home. A physician was called and it was found he was suffering from a deep scalp wound and concussion of the brain. His watch and a small amount of money had been taken.

With two employees of Burns Bros. Coal Co. walking at his side as guards Michael Dobbins, 30, a clerk in the Jersey City office of the company, was robbed of the weekly payroll of \$5,500 yesterday in Cedar street. He had the money in a linen currency bag covered with a newspaper to avert attention, and walked between the guards, Thomas Geary, a bookkeeper of the company's main office at 50 Church street, and James O'Neill, cashier of the Communipaw, N. J., branch.

Dobbins said Geary and O'Neill were but a step ahead of him when they reached Cedar street. At the corner of Cedar and Washington streets Dobbins felt a revolver against the back of his head and a voice from behind whispered to him to "hand over the bundle." The gunman kept pace with Dobbins for several steps while Dobbins endeavored to signal his guards. The street was full of pedestrians who apparently thought nothing unusual was taking place. Then the thief jerked the currency bag out of Dobbins' hands and dashed across the street. Dobbins and his guards followed and

Bankers and Business Men Will be Given in the Waldorf-Astoria October 8.

Acceptances already have been received from many sections of the country. At the organization meeting held in 280 Broadway yesterday Mr. Berseneff outlined the programme of the committee. "The aim," he said, "is the promotion of friendly relations between the countries and their readjustment on the basis of mutual understanding and of mutual relations."

The speaker went on to say that Americans knew Russia only through military communications and reports of the struggling parties, but were not informed of real conditions.

Bolsheviki Cannot Win.

"The Bolsheviki," he continued, "cannot be victors because law abiding men who have taken arms against them will not lay down their arms. The Ukrainians will not lay down their arms, nor will the Poles. The war will be continued. Perhaps it will be a long war, but it will be continued until the Bolsheviki are crushed, between the Russians who are fighting understand perfectly well the needs of the country, and the interests of the peasants, which have never been, are not and will not be on the side of the Bolsheviki."

"We are waiting for the law abiding elements to get assistance from the Allies. They have a right to this assistance, and now official American representatives are saying that they must have assistance. We representatives of peasants are responsible for the future work, and we say the time has come to conclude this thing. It is time to get help because this will put us nearer to the possibility to create real values, and we must create a lot of them."

A Weekly Magazine.

The committee proposes the publication of a weekly magazine containing direct cable dispatches from Russia and Siberia, together with economic articles by eminent American and Russian writers. The efforts of the organizations will be entirely economic and for the purpose of bringing home to the American business man that he can immediately undertake commercial operations in Siberia, and if he does not do so his competitors will. Members of the committee point out that they are particularly desirous of dealing with America, but that if Americans do not undertake commercial relationships in the near future they will be forced to trade with Japan.

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