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**CANADA'S NEED OF A
PROPERLY ORGANIZED
STATISTICS BOARD**

Organization and Better Co-operation
Between Government Depart-
ments Urged at Mining
Institute

"To my mind," said a local mining man the other day, "one of the most important subjects dealt with at the last meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute was the references to the very pressing need for better co-operation and more intelligent effort from the different Government departments and the other agencies and associations concerned in the placing of the Dominion of Canada in its proper place in the commercial and industrial world. In his address President Cole touched on this matter, referring to Canada's position up to the present as that of a hewer of wood and a drawer of water for the United States. Of course, the secret of doing better is simply a matter of organized and intelligent effort along the right lines. Canada has the goods, to use a common expression. And Canada can deliver the goods, to use more slang. Take the matter of mines and mining, for instance. In gold, silver, nickel,—but what's the use of talking! Every man that knows anything about mining knows that Canada "has the goods." All that is needed is development along right lines, and a growth of what might be called the "work-together" spirit.

"One of the chief things needed first in the right kind of organization for Canada's development is some sort of a collaboration of the statistics gathered and some kind of better system of gathering the data. But just read for yourself the condensed report of what was said by President Cole and by Mr. E. P. Mathewson along these lines. They explain the idea better than I can. You will find a fair report of what I am coming at in The Canadian Mining Journal's report of the proceedings. Just read it."

Turning to the Mining Journal, The Advance found Mr. Cole quoted as saying:—"We have enormous masses of information buried in different government departments, both Federal and Provincial, in our universities and private offices, but up to the present we have no one with power and initiative enough to make it valuable for practical purposes."

Mr. Mathewson is also reported as dwelling on the same point with much effect. "As engineers we have a duty to perform for Canada," he said in his paper on "Organization for Industrial Preparedness." "That duty," he continued "is to advise the government as to the necessity of compiling the proper statistics regarding all industries in this country. If we had done our duty a little earlier we would have been better prepared for the great struggle that is now nearing its termination. Now, however, we can redeem ourselves to a certain extent by advising the Government how to prepare for peace. Statistics should be compiled showing in detail all the important facts and figures concerning the various industries of Canada as at present existing; and at the same time these should be supplemented by additional statements setting forth the possibilities for extensions in old lines and for the beginning of enterprises along new lines. It has come to my knowledge from a very authentic source that the statistics prepared in Canada today are based on insufficient data and that one department after another in the Government takes the same data, re-hashes it and serves it up with a little different trimmings as matter originating in the particular department furnishing the report. I have been told that over 30 per cent. of the statistics published by various departments in Ottawa are absolutely copied verbatim one from the other and that the balance of the figures are merely a rearrangement of the same figures. This is not only a great waste of time and money, but it is hindering the development of Canada. I suggest, therefore that this Institute recommend

the Government to appoint a special Statistical Board from the employees of the Bureau of Mines, the Geological Survey, the Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Department, and the Census Bureau to gather and compile the necessary data concerning all the industries of Canada, to publish yearly reports thereon, and to add to these reports each year statistics indicating possible openings for the establishment of new industries. If such a board were appointed it might require assistance for the first year or so from the members of the engineering societies of Canada. This, I believe, would be freely granted, as was done in the United States during 1916, when the entire industry of the great country was canvassed, without any cost to the American Government, and statistics prepared which were of such great value that the Government took steps to ensure that the information should hereafter be kept constantly up to date. In order to know what we can do, we must first know on what tools and on what men we can count for such work as there may be to do."

**KICKING THE STOVE
AT ONE DOLLAR A
KICK IN COBALT**

Times To-day Recall the Good Old
Times When the North Was
Young,—and Fresh

A jolly group of young fellows—
of all ages—came into Fat's restaur-
ant the other day.

"Let's put the place on the hum-
mer," says one.

"We'll start with kicking over the
stove," laughs another.

"That reminds me," said a quiet
old prospector at one of the tables,
"of the days when they did such
things."

"I remember," he continued,
"when there was a regular fee for
kicking the stove in a Cobalt shack.
It was about eight years ago. There
was a young fellow,—a cripple,—who
had been running a blind pig for quite
a time. Then he got a tip that the
police were "on" and intended to
"loot it,"—not to mention any names.
The boys gathered at his shack as
usual that night and he explained the
case to them. "Kick the stove down,
boys," he suggested, "and kick the fur-
niture around,—at one dollar a kick."
And so the boys did, and he collected
and got enough of a stake out of the
kicking to take him out of town. And
I haven't seen him since, nor heard
of him," concluded the old prospector,
"but those were the great times,
and then it was that the North Land
had the real good old kickers."

World News in Brief

The city of Windsor is planning to
raise \$100,000 for the Patriotic Fund
and the Canadian Red Cross.

A mountain in British Columbia
has been officially named "Lloyd
George," after the British prime min-
ister.

The Honorable Senator George Gor-
don, of North Bay, has been added
to the board of directors of the Ex-
celsior Life Insurance Company.

There are 30,000 cases of smallpox
in Germany now, according to the
figures given in an address recently
delivered by a Socialist member of
the Reichstag.

The British Government recently
arranged for the construction of 100
merchant vessels in three standard
sizes of 18,000, 5,000 and 3,000 tons
respectively.

Three Toronto men were recently
convicted of selling potatoes short
weight, and were given sentences
ranging from ten to thirty days in
jail. Is this a piece of news, or a
warning?

The Japanese in British Columbia
are asking through their counsel, Sir
Charles Hibbert Tupper, to be given
the right to vote at Provincial and
Federal elections.

In Toronto the Good recently a
lady's apartments in a fashionable
house were entered by a man passing
as a telephone inspector. The lady
was menaced with a revolver and
four rings valued at \$2,000 were taken
from her by this man and an ac-
complice. Her wedding ring was re-
turned to her following her piteous
appeal, after all the rings had been
torn from her fingers. The woman
conveniently fainted, so the men had
an easy "getaway."

The Australian Chambers of Com-
merce at a recent meeting passed a
resolution to support the demand that
Germany be forced to pay ton for ton
in shipping for all vessels destroyed
contrary to international law and
usage. It was also resolved by the
Chambers to resist any proposal to
hand back to the Germans any of the
conquered islands in the Pacific, as
such a step would be opposed to the
interests and safety of Australia and
New Zealand.

Le Reveil, a French morning news-
paper in Montreal, has been warned
by the Ottawa authorities to discon-
tinue its seditious utterances regard-
ing National Registration, the Mil-
itia Act, and other matters in con-
nection with Canada's part in the
war. Le Devoir, Henri Bourassa's
newspaper, has also been similarly
warned. The fact that these news-
papers have been able to talk so long
in the way they have is a depressing
instance of the slowness or senseless
patience of the Government. It is
also a deep injustice to the people
so many of whom believe so much
of what they see in a newspaper, and
so are deceived into wrong ways of
thinking and sometimes into illegal
and evil acts, through the vapors of
shallow-thinking and wrongly in-
formed journals. And all in the
name of "freedom" so shamefully
abused.

It is officially announced that in a
division of 75,000 Canadians in
France, England and Belgium, only
thirty cases of typhoid fever have
occurred and only one death from
that cause in two years and eight
months.

Before the Russian Revolution, the
Czar and the members of his family
were said to have controlled an in-
come of \$42,500,000 a year, or \$85 a
minute. However, as there were 3,000
members in the Czar's "family" to
share this amount it was not as good,
or as bad, as it looked. Nevertheless
it was a pretty good job to lose, as
rich Peter says, though being im-
prisoned will not be so serious a
change for the Czar, and any danger
to his life will be no novelty, for
this ruler never yet enjoyed any free-
dom of life since his accession to the
throne.

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chiefs; Mrs. T. Blackman, 6 Hand-
kerchiefs; Mrs. H. Mulheron, Paper
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ANOTHER GERMAN OUTRAGE

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tures to the front line of battle, ac-
cording to a statement issued by the
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ment said that the Red Cross was
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mans from thus using prisoners as
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