

Use this treatment to the rioting mobs of Vancouver. It would not stop short of passing penalties terms upon some of the manufacturers, who, by the Royal Commission on textiles, were shown to be "heartless exploiters" and "wholesale robbers."

It was Miss Agnes Macphail, U.P.O.-Labor, Southeast Grey, who likened the Liberal ministry to Hitler because it had chosen Sunday for its round-up.

Two Ministers Reply

Both Right, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice and Hon. Norman MacLeod Rogers, minister of labor, sought to answer the violent speeches which continued to come from the C. C. F. and Social Credit quarters until a late hour in the evening. The substance of their declarations was, from Mr. Lapointe, that law and order must be maintained in Canada, and from Mr. Rogers, that no group could dictate to the government by a show of force.

The matter was raised by Mr. Woodsworth at the beginning of the sitting as one of "urgent national importance."

"The men took the only means possible of calling attention to their plight," the C.C.F. leader declared. "They did not resort to arms; they did not resort to force. In this particular case it seems the authorities did not wait for the men to riot, but took forcible action and used tear gas and clubs to evict them."

"What choice had these men? They simply took a rather spectacular way of bringing their plight to the attention of the public. It is unfortunate, of course, that in their fright after having been evicted they smashed windows in a number of stores. A report stated these men were gassed. I do not know whether the gas used brings on sickness of this kind, but I can well imagine that if most of us were treated in that fashion we would be willing to hit blindly at almost anything."

"Irony of Situation"

"The irony of the whole situation is that the prime minister was away over the week-end celebrating his grandfather's revolution. My grandfather was on the other side of that revolt, but I do not hold it against William Lyon Mackenzie that he satiated against the intolerable conditions which existed at that time. But I ask the prime minister whether he thinks his grandfather was justified in using arms."

"My grandfather was not sitting in a post office," retorted Mr. King. "The prime minister," continued Mr. Woodsworth, "has the audacity to say that the government has shown patience and forbearance. The only patience and forbearance they have shown is to do the natural and easy thing—do nothing. The fact I wish to emphasize is that notwithstanding the action of yesterday the problem remains still the same."

He had read the report of the textile commission and had come to the conclusion there was one law for the rich and another for the poor, said Mr. Woodsworth.

"Sickening Story"

"I want to say now that that report discloses a shameful, sickening story of heartless exploitation."

declared. "I would like to warn the government we have not yet seen the worst of the trouble on the Pacific coast."

That might be called inciting to riot, but 'twas a fact. It is time to talk about anarchy but it is not agitators who are causing anarchy but the action or inaction of the government, he contended.

Lapointe Intervenes

"What possible solution could be hoped for by this invasion of the post office?" demanded Justice Minister Lapointe in defending the police. "It was only because the government was warned that there was great danger of disease spreading in Vancouver that steps were taken. Action had to be taken, but it was taken in most careful manner."

"The reign of the law must continue in this country," he warned, "and when spectacular deeds are committed which are provided for by the criminal law, whether it is a case of trespass or any other offense against the people as a whole, it is the duty of the government to see that law shall prevail. So long as I have anything to do with the government, the law shall prevail."

The justice minister said he was amazed Mr. Woodsworth should suggest this occupation of police properties should be allowed to continue indefinitely until rioting occurred.

"Apart from strong and violent words, he has failed to suggest any alternative," Mr. Lapointe said. "If the government is open to attack in its handling of this situation, it is for showing too much leniency. The government has been attacked on that ground not only in Parliament but outside and particularly in Vancouver. It was the government's responsibility to act and it had acted."

Selected Best Time

Instructions were given to select the best time possible to avoid trouble and to minimize danger of destruction of property and loss of life. It was impossible to accomplish the task in a more effective and less spectacular manner.

The Vancouver chief of police, who has been described in the House as a cool-headed officer, was in charge of all the arrangements, Mr. Lapointe said. The use of gas was the most humane way because without it physical force would be required and there would have been serious injuries. Two members of the city police force and two unemployed men requiring hospital treatment. Other injuries were minor.

"I am sorry there should have been any injury," said Mr. Lapointe. "And so are all members of the government and the House." We were just as sympathetic with human suffering as my honorable friend although we may not be as violent in our language and denunciation.

The minister said he stood by the action of the police. It was not one of which Canada need be ashamed.

"Plot," Says Rogers

Labor Minister Rogers again told the House that the invasion had been plotted in the camps during the winter months.

"It was a put up job," he said. "I think these men who unfortunately under bad advice took part in this demonstration which had such an

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was true the men in the post office offered to leave quietly if arrested in a body.

Mr. Lapointe read the official report from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and said there was nothing in his advice to bear out that report.

Miss Agnes Macphail

Miss Macphail said she sympathized with the position of the minority of justice. It was rather strange the eviction took place on Sunday. It put the men at a disadvantage.

These men were unable to get work and did the least destructive thing they could have done to call attention to their position. The situation was just where it was before. The windows were broken but the men were still in Vancouver, still without jobs and without relief.

With so many people being killed on highways, because of the lack of foot paths, it should have been easy to provide jobs for the men, she said.

Grant MacNeil

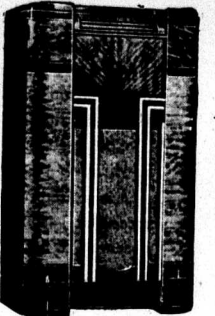
The tragedy was not so much that the men were injured and property destroyed, said Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. Vancouver North. The real tragedy is that the policy of terrorism employed by the government was so unnecessary.

The men had been in occupation more than a month and on numerous occasions the whole case had been clearly placed before the government in the House of Commons and alternative suggestions offered. "Of all the

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disorders in Vancouver. Most disappointing was the attitude of Labor Minister Rogers. He had looked with great hopes to that minister but Mr. Rogers "led us down the garden path." The ministers only answer to the problem had been "Rog, hog, or die."

Mr. Rogers' representative in Vancouver during these disturbances, Humphrey Mitchell, came in for criticism from Mr. MacNeil. Mitchell, he said, is drawing \$300 a month and "has done nothing but send expense accounts" from a Vancouver hotel. His action led to the general understanding the men would be blacklisted and refused access to future relief assistance.

Hon. H. H. Stevens

Hon. H. H. Stevens, Reconstruction, Kootenay East, recalled he had told the government a month ago it was training the men to demonstrate. Mr. Lapointe had said the majesty of the law must be upheld but the law was the same a month ago as it was yesterday. The way to uphold the majesty of the law is to take action swiftly to punish or stop any breach of the law.

The police did their duty and were not to blame. The members of the cabinet were alone to blame, he charged. The thing had really started last fall when men gathered in Vancouver and started begging, for which many had been sent to jail. The camps had then been opened and the men kept over the winter.

The government had ample time to find out all about the men. If they

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Mrs. George Black, Conservative, Yukon, said it was a matter of abso-



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Parkside said the trouble started when C.C.F. members stirred up agitation against the relief camps established under the Conservative Government. The present government had



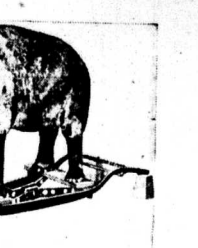
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But conditions had changed and the jobs were not available. Mr. Neill recalled his experiences in British Columbia 40 years ago, when there was a period during which he



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