

THE COAL DICTATOR'S AGENT VISITS TORONTO

Dealers Here Advise Him Not
to Meddle—Say Mine-Own-
ers are Favoring Canada.

Dr. Albert Wilson of the Mines Department at Ottawa, who is associated with Mr. C. A. McGrath, the newly appointed fuel controller for Canada in his work, spent yesterday in Toronto interviewing coal merchants and others. It is understood representatives of the coal dealers expressed to him the view that any attempt to meddle with the fuel situation would intensify the difficulty in securing a supply of coal from mines in the United States.

"The mine owners are now supplying coal to Canada at the cost of turning down others for coal from the Eastern States," said an official of the Retail Merchants Association to-day, "and if an official of the Government attempts to compel them to divert heavier shipments of coal to Canada, they may cut off our supply altogether and send it to the Eastern States, which need it as badly as we do"

It is understood that Mr. McGrath the fuel controller, is at present in Washington conferring with the American authorities on the coal situation as it affects both countries.....