

9,000 COAL ORDERS GIVEN TO DEALERS

Fuel Commissioner Directs Where Present Supplies on Hand Shall Go

Fuel Commissioner Chisholm yesterday held a conference with representatives of local coal companies, when the distribution of the supply of coal which has been coming into the city was discussed. The Fuel Commissioner then apportioned some 9,000 orders which have come to the Commissioner's offices, among the different coal companies represented at the meeting, with instructions that each order be fairly filled before any other orders were delivered.

Considerable feeling exists among the membership of various local associations and bodies over what it is alleged to be an unfair distribution of coal. The instructions of the Fuel Commissioner is expected to have the effect of allaying this feeling.

CITY HALL IS A CENTRE OF WASTE

Toronto is Living Beyond Coal Income, Says ex- Controller Cameron

The solution of the coal scarcity problem as put forth by ex-Controller Cameron at the Danforth Rate-payers' meeting last night in Frankland School is the substituting of hardwood during at least one month of fall and one month of the springtime. Mr. Cameron said that the city of Hamilton has long ago laid in their supply of hardwood, with the result that a cord of wood can now be purchased there for one-half the cost of the same in Toronto.

Enemy aliens in internment camps, he suggested, should be used to cut trees along the railways, thus not only helping to abate the coal shortage, but also solving the problem of the use of aliens.

It is ridiculous, went on Mr. Cameron, to take a survey in an effort to find out the exact coal shortage. Everybody knows, he said, that the shortage is the ten per cent. cut off from the amount of the needed supply, which is a shortage of 90,000 tons. The thing to do, he added, is to procure the deficit.

Mr. Cameron, before taking up the question of coal, said that the City Hall has been a centre of waste since 1905; and that Toronto has been living beyond its income; that expenses have not been curtailed in the right direction, and that if the situation is not remedied Toronto cannot survive.

The city, he said, has grown, not because of, but in spite of, its rulers. He also took a crack at the city's educational system and denounced as unsuccessful manual training, domestic science, and the penny banks.

T. W. Brown, President of the association, presided at the meeting.