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British politics have a habit of becoming very dramatic. Of course interest in drama depends upon the size of the issue at stake, and as the present issue verges on civil war it is natural that the whole empire should be aroused.

The question of Home Rule seems to be almost lost sight of in the face of a larger issue. It seems now to be largely a question of whether the army or the commons shall be supreme, and the British people are hardly likely to favor the former.

The resignation of several British general on the eve of their being ordered to Ulster is a very serious matter. It shows that the army is not the machine it was in the past, ready to carry out its orders without a question. It is possible, too, that there may be politics at the bottom of it, and any siding of the army with either political party would be fraught with serious consequences.

The question of Home Rule has so many phases to it that it is impossible at this distance to give an opinion on it. Indeed it appears like a case of "being damned if you do and damned if you don't." The fact that so many outstanding men have favored it carries a great deal of weight with the majority of people. The recent offer by the government to make it optional with Ulster whether or not they enter the scheme seems to be fair to all concerned. The outcome of the whole matter will be watched with a great deal of interest.

According to recent de-

isions of the courts this land staking which has been going on promiscuously throughout the province for the last number of years is illegal. Mr. Justice MacDonald made this ruling at Victoria recently, and this had been preceded by an order of the Supreme Court of Canada. It will thus be found to be a rather strange anomaly that the attorney-general has been countenancing a system that the courts of Canada have declared to be illegal.

The land act specifies that only one section shall be purchased by any one man. The speculators got around that, however, by securing powers of attorney whereby one man after all controls the purchases of hundreds of people. Bowser knew that this was being done, and it is very likely that he shared in its profits. Such practice is plainly against the spirit of the act, and now that the courts have given a decision it is likely to open up a rather nasty problem.

In the first place, it will jeopardize a large portion of that thirteen millions which is owing the government on land. They cannot now collect the money as the courts have decided that the land act has been violated. In the next place, it will seriously affect the title to those lands since they were secured under false representation.

However, the McBride government are never seriously concerned over a breach of the law. What they will do is to pass another "enabling act" that will legalize this breach of the law and enable the land



THEY WANT TO FORM A NEW PROVINCE

Map showing the latest agitation for secession from the province of Ontario. There has been an agitation for a long time to join the White River district to the province of Manitoba, but this has been steadily blocked by the authorities at Toronto. It may work out that the whole of northern and upper Ontario will eventually be made into a new province.

grabbers to continue their nefarious game.

This whole question, however, should open the minds of the people to the manner in which their government is being conducted. There is no respect for law and no attempt made at its enforcement. At the last session two members of the government who had been in the government pay in violation of law were allowed to take their seats through an enabling act. A land act which specifies that one man shall get only one section has been twisted around so that one man can get a thousand. What are the people going to do with a government that disrespects the law of the land?

Dairies in Saskatchewan

The government of Saskatchewan has just completed a series of dairy meetings held at towns along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific in that province, and as a direct result of these meetings a pronounced stimulation in dairy industries is looked for this summer. Commencing on February 2, two cars left Regina, one a sleeping car for the accommodation of the lecturers, and the other a day coach fitted up with a platform to serve as a lecture hall. For over a month meetings were held every week day, and as a rule there was an afternoon and an evening meeting at each point before the cars were moved on to the next station. Reports from all stations indicate a remarkable success for these meetings.

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RAILWAY CONTRACTORS SCATTER AS WORK NEARS COMPLETION

MEN WHO STARTED AT RUPERT AND WENT THROUGH TO FORT FRASER PLAYED IMPORTANT PART IN DISTRICT

The contractors who have been on the construction of the western division of the G. T. P. and who have become well known figures in this town and in the district, are now beginning to gather around the head offices of Foley, Welch and Stewart here for the last time. The Grand Trunk Pacific is so nearly completed, so far as this end is concerned, that there are only two or three contractors left on the job, and they are what one might say, just cleaning up. To all intents and purposes the road is finished, and already the country is undergoing the process of readjustment made necessary by the removal of the construction camps and the excellent market they made for all farm produce. While in the district the contractors were all good sports and were willing to take a chance on a mining proposition, a coal deal or a land deal. Many made considerable money on these side lines, but now that they are gone the money heretofore so easily obtained will have to come from another direction. A new population must come in and all lines of business conducted on a different basis.

The district will miss these men, not only from a business standpoint, but socially as well. The same bunch started with the first work out of Prince Rupert and continued with the main contractors right through to Fort Fraser. They were well known and were looked upon as part of the life of the district. Fortunately some of these men have made successful investments in this immediate district and their interests will remain here and frequently they will visit in the town.

Among the contractors who have taken such a prominent part in the construction of the railway and in the development of the district are:

A. L. McHugh, who finished his work some time ago and has since devoted his attention to mining interests.

Capt. McLeod has retired and has gone back to the farm in Ontario.

Norman McLeod will probably go on to the P. G. E.

Hugh McLeod has still a large amount of work to do on the yards at the divisional point at Endako.

M. Sheedy will take an extended holiday.

R. E. Paget is now holidaying in the east. He will likely be on the new work along the P. G. E.

Stewart Bros. have not yet decided upon their future movements.

Boström & Green have still a considerable amount of work to do at Fort Fraser on the yards after the railway is through. They have also a big steam shovel cut to make on the

grade. A shoo fly has been built under this cut.

John Albi has been in Spokane for some time.

D. A. Rankin has a large contract on the P. G. He is associated with Burns & Jordan.

Freeburg & Stone, who have contracted with Foley, Welch & Stewart for nearly twenty years, have just finished their last work, but expect to start in on the P. G. E. in a very short time.

A. McDougall is building the yards at Prince Rupert. Duncan Ross will spend the summer at his ranch near Victoria, but will likely break into the game later in the year.

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