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Precept and practice do not go hand in hand under the present government. The "sins" which Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton charged up against the Laurier government in connection with the sub-letting of government contracts by the main contractors and in connection with changes of contract prices without calling for new tenders, are being countenanced by the present government under the very noses of the scandal-hunting commissioners. Two instances of this char-

acter, much worse than anything Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton discovered to have been committed under the Liberal administration, have come to light. In the commons recently, Hon. Dr. Reid, acting minister of railways, tabled official documents dealing with a change of contract prices for earth excavation in connection with the St. Malo car shops at the Quebec terminals of the National Transcontinental railway. The contractor, Joseph Gosselin, tendered for earth excavation at 85 cents per cubic yard, and the contract was signed last autumn at this figure.

At the time the contract was entered into the understanding was that the ground was not frozen. But Hon. L.

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P. Pelletier found that there were several hundred men out of employment at Quebec last winter and that it would be politically advantageous for them to be employed on government work. He suggested to the National Transcontinental commission that the work of excavation for the St. Malo shops should go ahead during the winter time. Contractor Gosselin was quite agreeable, but wanted, of course, a much larger price for excavating frozen earth. The government consented, and an order-in-council was passed increasing the contract price from 85 cents a yard to \$2.30 per cubic yard.

The total increase in the cost of the work is estimated LONDON CONCERN TO at \$36,000. It is not shown in the correspondence that there is any very great hurry for the tra expenditure charged up to the cost of the National Transcontinental is primarily merely to give employment to the men out of work in Mr. Pelletier's district. According to Messrs. Gutelius Lynch-Staunton, this \$36,000 "waste." This additional cost, it may be further noticed, was incurred without even bothering to ask the consent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the other partner to the agreement, as to what the road

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would cost. And this was done at the very time when Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton were putting the finishing touches on their report.

Another and still more striking contrast between what Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton say the Liberal government should have done and what the present government is now doing it seen in connection with the \$10,000,000 contract awarded to the Norton Griffiths Company at Courtenay Bay,, St John, in connection with the National Transcontinental railway terminals and harbor improvements there. The contract price for rock excavation agreed to by the company was \$2.50 per cubic yard. That amount the company is collecting from the government But some time ago they sublet the contract to the Courtenay Construction company at \$1.17 per cubic yard. According to Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton this would represent a "rakeoff" of over 100 per cent. for the main contractors.

It will be remembered that in the case of sub-letting on the National Transcontinental Railway a 10 per cent. "rakeoff" for the main contractors in cases of sub-letting was regarded as scandalous. Apparently the rock excavation at Courtenay Bay could be done for less than one half of what the government is paying for it.

But of course Messrs. Gut. elis and Lynch-Staunton are very careful to point out the mote in the Liberal eye and pay no attention to the beam in the Conservative eye.

DEVELOP B. C. OIL

St. Malo shops, and this ex- Old World Capitalists Interested in Ten Million Dollar Corporation

and million dollar corporation form- the east to take charge of the ed for the purpose of investing must of course be classed as in and developing oil weels in Western America. British Columbia and Alberta oil fields will be thoroughly investigated by the company, whose western representative is Mr. Donald Mac-Gregor, member of the leading stock exchanges of the west.

> Mr. MacGregor has confirmed the announcement but will not at this time discuss the company's plans. He confirmed the statement that the Canada Oil & Ven. ture corporation, backed by London capital and advised by Californian experts, was the company concerned.

time been interested in Mexican of May for the sale of the varail fields. As a result of the jous articles made at their work governor were discussing the Mexican wars, it has widened the meetings during the winter. The morrow's target practice. scope of its operations to take in Women's Auxiliary will also "I can shoot that apple off oil fields in both Canada and the have a booth in the hall. The with my eyes closed," said the United States. The oil situation n Canada at the present time is cessful, as no effort is being attracting world-wide attention.

> indications in British Columbia noon and evening for all who atare now said to be attracting the tend. This enthusiastic organiattention of the company.

bonus of fifty-five cents a bar-dren in the park, and also com-Information Bureau. mrel for oil has given a great impetus to the industry and pros-| pectors are eagerly scouring the country for oil seepage and indications.

This company holds fifty claims on the west coast of Graham island and it is likely that some development work will be done this summer.

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The little Napoleon of the Mexican republic, the acclaimed hero and man of the hour, whose fearlessness has aided him in driving the federals from Torreon, their last stronghold, is a motorist in the true sense of the word. Acknowledging the supremacy of motor-driven method of transportation, he has deserted the four-footed, snorting charger for the gasoline charger. During the hammering away at Torreon, his motorcycle couriers covered themselves with glory. This photo was taken at Villa's headquarters at Juarez just before his successful advance on Torreon.

News Notes from Terrace

(By Special Correspondent)

The funeral of John and Rob- pleted the tennis court, which is hides tanned and made into rugs George Leek. ert Johnson, who died as the re- now properly rolled and fenced. and robes. All work strictly first sult of injuries in the recent They have also arranged for sevrunaway accident at Kitsumka- eral flower gardens, the produce lum lake, took place in St. Mat. thew's church here on Sunday. very large number of the friends in the district. Among other of the deceased gathered at the things in view are a band stand solemn and most impressive service. The Rev. W. J. H. Petter use of the town band, and furconducted the services and also ther provision for the children in the ceremony at the graveside, the shape of swings, etc., and a 220 Second Ave. Prince Rupert Both London and Californian assisted by Rev. W. A. Gardiner, capital is interested in a ten who has recently arrived from Presbyterian church in this district. In the death of these two boys the community has sus- county court, before resented the best type of men to ed. be found in the west-clean living, hard working, whose first cases to be disposed of: thought is always for others, and especially the help of any who Commerce, garnishee. are in sickness or trouble.

There were a number of arri- Kisling, for \$245. vals on Saturday's train, including Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Munro, Mrs. Barbour, and Mr. A. H Tomlinson, the government hor- \$240. ticulturist.

The Women's Civic club are The company has for some announcing a bazaar for tht 2nd event promises to be very suc- Swiss hero confidently. spared to perfect all the ar- "You never can Tell," he answ-The Alberta oil wells and oil rangements for a pleasant after- ered dryly. zation has already provided a emptions left on Graham Island. The federal government by its sand pit for the use of the chil- We know them. Queen Charlotte

of which will be distributed as occasion arises among the sick to be erected in the park for the town gymnasium in the fall.

NEXT COUNTY COURT FIXED FOR MAY 4

The list of cases for the tained a serious loss. They rep- Young for May 4, has been postes and the following new HARRISON W. ROGERS cases and the following new

Sharp vs. Canadian Bank of Northern Interior Land Co. vs.

Crickson et al vs. Miss Gleason, for \$586 on land deal. Skelhorn vs. Bostrom, for

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