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EDITORIALS

The statement was made by Colonel Thompson that it was the greed of the competitors that made the price of waterfront lots so high. This is of course true. An auction sale always works up the excitement of the crowd and people pay far more than they would in a sober moment. The strange part, however, is that this is the method of disposing of lands that appeals to the provincial government. When there are good jobs or contracts to give away the government is not so anxious to give everybody a chance. The fact is that the Provincial Government is not at all concerned about giving everybody a chance to buy. What they want is to get the money and in the past few years employed the basest tactics of the worst kind of real estate speculators in squeezing the last sou out of the people.

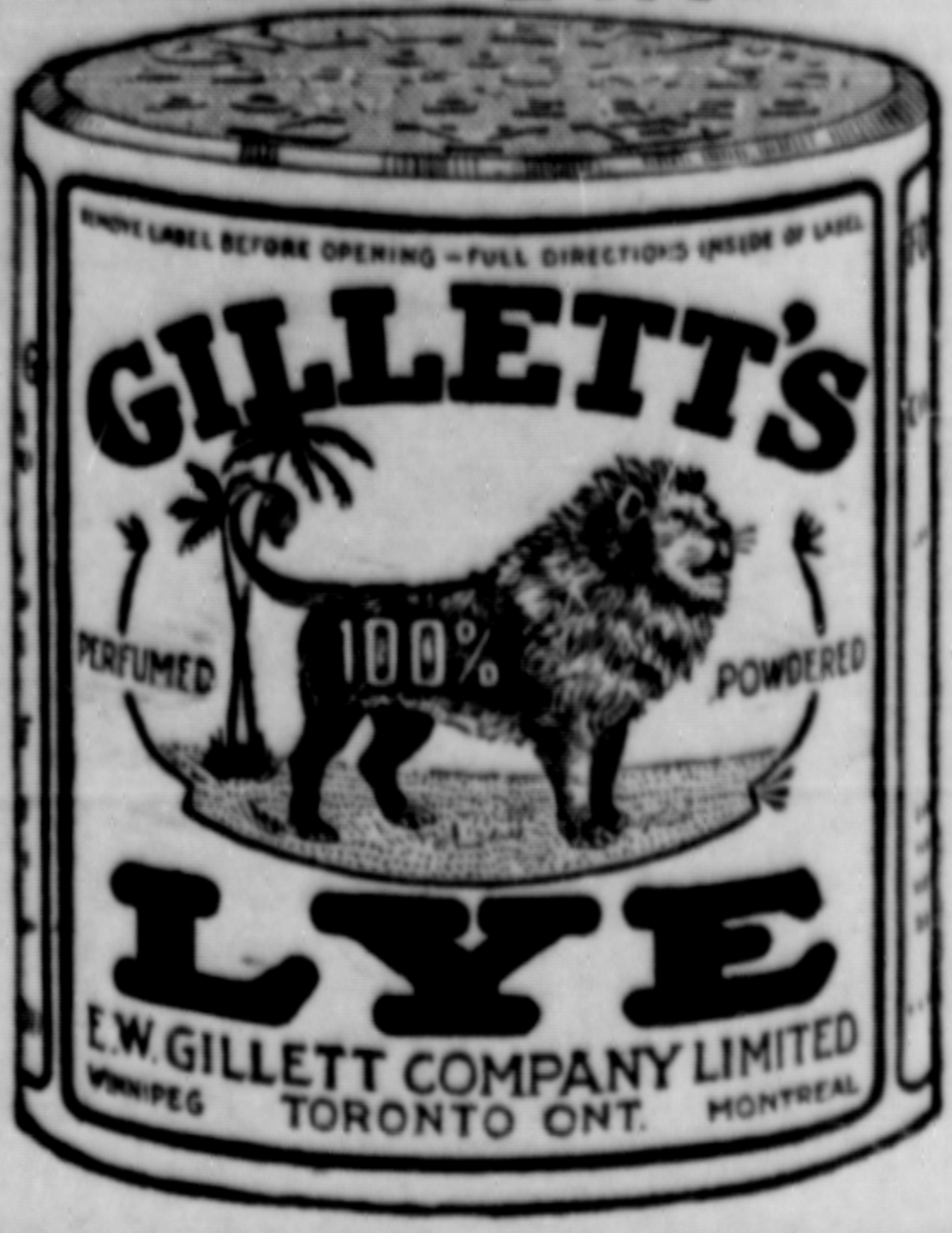
A far better way of disposing of government property is by lot after a fair price was arranged. This is the way the Dominion government gives out its pre-emptions. There are even local cases of buying property by "private sale" when all that is required is to advertise the fact for thirty days, in order to see that there are no prior claims. This method, however, has never been used with regard to city

property for the good reason that the government was in the real estate business and worked it to a finish. It is about time the government took up its proper function of protecting the people instead of exploiting them.

In the first place the waterfront of this city should have been preserved for the city's use. We heard high sounding phrases from government officials in the early days about making this a model city with all its franchises and privileges intact. We have learned by bitter experiences how much that meant. We are now finding out what a miserable fix the government has placed us in by tying up all our waterfront. If even the part that the government retained was turned over to the city it would not be so bad. There is no more reason for the government to control our waterfront "for the benefit of the province" than that they should control our franchises. Every modern city owns its own waterfront, and the time will have to come when Prince Rupert will at least secure a portion of it. A change of government would soon accomplish this.

In asking the government to supply a suitable dock for the small fishermen this city is not

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asking for undue favors. Far more money has been taken out of this city and the north than has ever been put back into it. From the sale of lots the government has derived an enormous revenue which it has employed in building up the southern part of the province. The small amount now required for this dock would only be "a drop out of the bucket." It is to be hoped that the "pull" of the south will not prevent this very needful expenditure.

EMDEN HAD DESIGNS ON ANTIPODES CONTINGENT

Melbourne, Dec. 4.—The information made public today by Hon. George Pearce, Minister of Militia, indicates that when run down the German cruiser Emden was planning the most daring and destructive of her many adventures. At the time transports bearing the Australian and New Zealand contingents were less than a hundred miles away.

NOT UNSPEAKABLE.

While the report that Turks have plotted to assassinate the Hon. Sam Hughes is denied it looks plausible. The Turk is, as is well known, unspeakable, whereas the Hon. Sam is not unspeakable at all. In fact, he's very much the contrary.—Toronto Star.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SOCIETY CIRCUS

Prince Rupert, Dec. 5, 1914. In submitting its report and final winding up of the affairs of the Society Circus, the executive committee feels that proper acknowledgment should be publicly made of those societies and individuals who so willingly and energetically labored to make it a success. The committee is able to obtain only a partial list of the many persons whose assistance was given, and now expresses its gratitude and thanks to those whose names are not listed as well as the following:

The Daughters of the Empire, Canadian Fraternity, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies of St. Andrew's Society, Scandinavian Society, Ladies of the Fair of All Nations (the names heretofore published), City Band, Mrs. Hugh Dunn, Mrs. J. J. Chisholm, Mrs. Linnell, Jack Venables, Harry Hanson, Ben Self, Harry Evans, Billy Oram, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Corral, Thomas Sprout, O. Vogue, L. Rowley, W. H. Vickers, J. E. Merrifield, D. W. Morrissey, W. Crawford, Knott-Clifton Bakery, P. Burns & Co., Pony Express, Pacific Transfer Co., Miss Murphy, Miss Kuster, Mrs. Frizzell, Spurr's Market, Licensed Vintners' Association, Ford Taxi Service, Mr. DeGex, Prince Rupert Sign Co., Georgetown Sawmill Co., Geo. J. Frizzell, Swift Canadian Co., Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert, Northern Agricultural and Industrial Association, Westholme Theatre Company, Majestic Theatre Company, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Stillwell, Lindsay's Cartage & Storage Co., Rupert Marine Ironworks, Smith & Mallett, Marshall's Shooting Gallery, M. M. Stephens, Walter Harper, S. E. Parker, J. McLeod, Mrs. Frizzell, James Kelly, F. G. Dawson, Piercy, Morris & Co., Ltd., Kelly-Douglas Co., Stewart & Mobley, Prince Rupert Tent and Awning Co., J. A. Kirkpatrick, Rogers & Albert, Pacific Cartage, P. R. Bazaar, McRae Bros., J. D. McLeod & Co., Acme Importers, Martin O'Reilly, H. Hoffman, Lando & Co., Bryant Co., Ltd., Fred Stork, Kaizen Hardware Co., Thompson Hardware Co., Howe & McNulty, Stalker & Wells, Prince Rupert Importing Co., J. J. Walsh, Mrs. Besner, G. W. Nickerson, F. L. Wallace, L. W. Waugh, D. R. O'Neill, Archie Russell, C. T. Howard, O. Besner.

The committee wishes to particularly thank Mrs. J. Fred Ritchie, who worked so assiduously throughout the whole affair, and to whom belongs the credit in a large measure of the successful culmination of the plans.

JACK EDWARDS, Sec.

Statement of Funds.

By bal. received from cashier.	\$2,706.30
Since paid by C. T. Howard account Alexander lecture.	24.00
	\$2,730.30
Less expenditure as under—	
George Frizzell	\$175.87
Mrs. Frizzell	7.50
P. R. Sign Co.	7.50
C. H. Orme	4.10
Georgetown Sawmill	24.00
A. O. Franks	5.00
Parkin & Ward Co.	50.00
Ben Self	5.00
Telegrams	2.00
	280.00
Net total receipts	\$2,449.48
Remitted to H. Prudhomme, 59 St. Peters Street, Montreal, treasurer, Belgian Relief Fund.	
F. McB. YOUNG, Treas.	
L. M. DEGEX, Cashier.	

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY ARE GROWING APART

There is nothing improbable in the report that Austrian and German troops have been conducting a small private war of their own in southern Poland. There has been bad blood between the Austrian commanders and the German staff for some time. The Austrians have seen with bitterness that they were chosen to form the rear guard when the Russians were driving the Germanic forces back a month ago, and lost far more men than the German corps. They have seen Galicia overrun to the gates of Cracow, while instead of seriously aiding in its defence the Germans have insisted upon receiving help for a second invasion of Poland. They know that in the western scene of operations also the Austrian troops sent to aid the Germans have been put in the forefront of the battle when desperate fighting was expected. A single list of casualties published in Vienna showed that over 800 of Hungary's finest horsemen, representing the noblest families of the kingdom had been killed or wounded in Flanders when they were exposed to the fire of the British warships. The people of Austria and Hungary are no longer under any illusions as to the situation. Territory of the Empire containing almost 9,000,000 people is now in Russian hands, and the last line of the Landsturm is being called to the colors, so great has been war's wastage. On December 4 all male teachers were compelled to report for service and the schools will be closed. Knowing all these things, the Austrians are embittered against the allies who hurled them into a venture that seems likely to result in the breaking up of the Empire.

NEW KHEDIVE FOR EGYPT.

Italian Paper Says Britain Is Taking Precautionary Measures.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Giornale d'Italia says that Britain is preparing to give Egypt a new Khedive in the person of Hussein Kemal, son of Ismail Pasha, Khedive from 1865 to 1879, and uncle of the present Khedive. The newspaper also states that Germany is playing the game once played with the country by Napoleon, and that the natives are now a sort of a volcano from which anything may be expected.

"For the present," the account continues, "the only grave symptom is an economic crisis, due chiefly to the impossibility, owing to the war, to export cotton, which is Egypt's chief product. As a consequence the banks are shaky. The moratorium has suppressed 3,000 notes of hand which have not been paid, and which will result in about 2,000 bankruptcies."

A dispatch from Athens says that Djemal Pasha, former Turkish Minister of the Interior, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces operating against Egypt.

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