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MOSES IS NOT THE ISSUE.

Attorney General Bowser of British Columbia has formally warned Mr. Moses Cotsworth that he will have something to say at a convenient season about that gentleman's character. The intimation proves how serious is the political crisis in British Columbia. Moses Cotsworth is a well known English accountant and statistician, who, on various occasions, has assisted Canadian governments, including that of British Columbia, to draft important legislation. He came out from England to British Columbia in 1908 to help in framing the Public Service Bill, and has been a resident of the province ever since. Mr. Cotsworth was appointed in 1909 chairman of a commission to regrade the British Columbia civil service, and had some trouble with the government in connection with that work, which sent him into opposition. He has accumulated a vast mass of material from the provincial archives, official documents and other sources, upon which the Ministerial Association of the lower mainland of British Columbia has based the charge that:

"Immense areas of the choicest land have been stolen from the people and the crown in British Columbia, and though the government records in the land offices throughout the province show this clearly, no steps whatever have been taken to recover these lands or punish the despoilers of the people. On the contrary, the Attorney General declared on the floor of the House that 'the speculator must have his chance.' So hundreds of speculative friends have been allowed to seize more land than they can even pay taxes for. And now, by the passing of Bill No. 46 on the third of March last, the Lieutenant Governor in Council can postpone the payment of any moneys due or accruing due to the crown by any such men and for such a time as the government may advise."

In this blunt statement that the lands of the province have been stolen and that Mr. Bowser has so manipulated legislation that the men who have stolen it are to have every opportunity of keeping it is to be found the real issue in British Columbia. Not Moses, but the land thieves. The character of Mr. Cotsworth—of whom the Ministerial Association speaks highly—is not the question before the province. Has he stated the facts as they are? Has the province been looted? Did the government stand by while the looters were at work without endeavoring to enforce the law? These are the matters upon which judgment will be rendered.

The cost of governing British Columbia while all these exploitations of agricultural, timber, and coal lands were in progress increased enormously. The speculator got the profits and the people paid the cost of the roads without which the lands would have remained inaccessible. Before the McBride government came to power twelve years ago the revenue of the province per head of population was \$11.44 and the expenditure \$19.90. Now the total revenue, including the province's half of the receipts from the head tax of \$500 on all Chinese entering the Dominion by way of the Pacific, is \$26.70 per head of population, while the expenditure has grown to the amazing figure of \$40.70 per head. On the same capita basis Ontario would spend considerably over a hundred millions a year to carry on the provincial administration.

Facts such as these cannot be controverted by attacking the character of the man who has dug them out and marshalled them against the government. Mr. Bowser does not yet understand that he is on trial, not Mr. Cotsworth. Sir Richard McBride's reign nears an end. His easy good-nature and infinite capacity for shaking hands no longer "take" with the people who have suf-



A. G. VANDERBILT,

The millionaire lost on the Lusitania, who, according to witnesses, will be known to posterity, not as a millionaire and sport lover, but as the "hero of children" because of his heroic work when the Lusitania was sunk.

ferred from his lack of business ability. The Attorney General plans to succeed to the Premiership when Sir Richard steps out, but across his path stands this huge barrier of charges raised by the Ministerial Association. He must answer them satisfactorily. He and the things he has done and failed to do are the issues in British Columbia today.—Toronto Globe.

Salvation Army.

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THE DISCOMFORTS OF THE SUBMARINE

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"The entire inside of the boat sweats like a pitcher of ice water on a hot day," said the officer. "Before we are on it three hours our clothes are soaked and they stay that way. We have absolutely no heat, which means that the boat is the temperature of the outside air. Sometimes we nearly freeze. The doctors say that the men on a submarine never sleep; they merely become unconscious for brief intervals. The air, the odors from the machinery, the constant vibration and the intense strain under which you labor make sleep an impossibility.

"In a storm, when we have to seal up, the air gets worse than anything you can imagine. There are eighteen men and two officers in one of our boats, and at any moment any one of the twenty may cause the death of all the rest. There is no room for mistakes. The space in which the men live is fifty feet long and about ten feet wide. I can stand upright if I pick my place, but most of the time my shoulders are bent. There are no bunks; we all spread out mattresses on an iron deck. The dining room consists of four electric hot plates. Nothing in the nature of a spark is allowed below decks, but we can heat up coffee on the hot plates and occasionally fry things. We can't smoke, and the vibration of the engines makes it impossible to read or even play cards, so when we are not working there's nothing for us to do but sit on the floor and look at each other.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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