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ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

Alvo Von Alvensleben, a German baron, was one of the pets of the McBride government. Like a good many others, he was permitted to exploit the lands of British Columbia at the expense of the people. One of his promotions, the Hardy Bay Lands Company, was wound up the other day. This company bought lands at Hardy Bay, on Vancouver Island, from the provincial government for \$5 per acre and sold it to the public for \$30 per acre. The company is now in bad shape; it has not paid up the \$5 per acre to the government, and purchasers at \$30 per acre are unable to get title to the property paid for.

The fact that Alvensleben is a German is immaterial. The great matter is that the McBride government allowed the people of British Columbia to be exploited in any such way. Bowser and his satellites will tell you that any man buying land takes a speculative risk. They have taken great care, however, to protect the exploiter against speculative risks. Such syndicates are holding hundreds of thousands of acres of land which they have not paid for, and have no intention of paying for until they can unload it at a huge profit on the public. Taxes will be paid at their own sweet will.

The war has upset business, but British Columbia's great problem had its origin years before war was ever thought of. Long before last August, the McBride government had allowed this province to become a tightly squeezed sponge. The fact that the Empire is now at war is no excuse for leaving the lands of British Columbia in the hands of thieves. The final crushing of Germany tomorrow would not solve the problem. Prosperity can never return until the land thieves have been forced to give up their booty, and so long as the McBride government remains in power they

will be permitted to retain it.

This is not a question of politics, except in so far as the thieves were aided and abetted by politicians. According to McBride-Bowser rule, it is quite permissible to steal the best part of a province, but it is a heinous offence for a Nanaimo miner to protest against dangerous working conditions.

What are you going to do about it? Are you going to tolerate a government which allows greedy grafters to make huge fortunes at your expense? Are you satisfied that a few syndicates should be permitted to hold vast areas of the pick of this northern country, without paying a cent more than the initial payment? Are you quite content to pay interest on the \$15,000,000 which the McBride government refuses to collect from the land grabbers?

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The new president of the Imperial Bank, Mr. Peleg Howland, in his annual address to his shareholders, considers the situation of Canada coolly and frankly. He notes a certain decline in the speed with which the country was advancing, and he instances the decline in immigration, building permits, bank clearings, and railway earnings. He does not seek to gloss over these facts, nor does he draw from them any gloomy inferences. As a man of business, he seems willing to accept the lean years as a matter of course, and average them up with the fat years.

At the same time he points out that the country is getting the benefit of increased prices for grains and produce, of the unusual sale of horses, and of the war orders that come to some of our factories. Two things seem needful—to look the facts in the face, and not be despondent, but just go on working cheerfully, ready for any condition that may arise. Mr. Howland's straightforwardness creates confidence.—Toronto Star.



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MINERS' NOVEL METHOD OF DESTROYING A COYOTE

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ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR AGRICULTURAL FAIR

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Financial arrangements are such as to enable the fair to be held, with assurances received from local people, with reasonable prospects of success. It is intended to have the program fully equal to that of 1914, with a good line of attractions, announcement of which will be made later.

The prize lists for 1915 have been mailed, and copies are available at the Board of Trade rooms, Second Avenue. Entry forms have been sent out and floor space for exhibits is now open for allotment. The allotment of space will be made as applied for, and already some has been spoken for. A strong bid is being made to interest the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association, with a view to their members exhibiting, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of the opportunity for pushing "Made in Canada" in the North.

Donations toward the fair are coming in steadily, amongst the donations being one from A. J. Prudhomme of \$100; the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, Limited, \$50; R. McIntosh, \$10; and A. H. Allison, \$25; and while the directors do not expect the same amount of support from direct donations as last year, owing to financial conditions, they feel assured that all who take an interest in the work of the association will help the good work along.

A Fair Bulletin will be published monthly until the fair, and will keep the public posted as to fair events. The first number will be published on June 20.

TEA COMING INTO GREAT FAVOR THROUGHOUT WORLD

Not in the memory of the oldest tea planter has the price of tea reached the present figure in Colombo. There seems to be a widespread movement in favor of tea throughout the world, and the supply is insufficient to cope with the increased demand. Until the law of supply and demand adjusts itself higher prices for tea must be expected.

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