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## SOME COMMISSION

The Indian Commission which is touring the coast on the specially chartered Chelohsin is a joint affair promoted by the Dominion and British Columbia governments. The McBride government has nothing whatever to do with Indian affairs, but that is a mere detail. Indian commissions, or rather commissions arising out of Indian reserves, are no new thing in B. C. J. Songhees Matson got one, and a very nice one indeed. \$45,000 of that commission slopped over somewhere and got lost, but Joe never whimpered. He bore the loss with the utmost fortitude. One Liberal newspaper called Joe a thief, but Joe only smiled a \$45,000 smile and said nothing.

Lawyer Read picked up a little pocket money, something like \$80,000, as another Indian commission. Again, the McBride government was buying something it had no business to buy, still the commission was good, and the legality of the purchase was a mere technicality, and who bothers about technicalities when easy money is floating around. The Dominion government has since characterized the deal as illegal but the money was good legal tender valued at one hundred cents to the dollar, and plenty of it.

To get back to the gentlemen of the Chelohsin, they have spent several \$700 days preparing for an attack on the wilds of the Naas. A scow has been hired to carry the big guns, ammunition and war material, and a massed movement for the Naas frontier is liable to take place any time. They will tow the scow as far up the Naas as is possible, when it is expected that they will effect

a landing, leaving the Chelohsin as a supply base at \$700 per day. Reconnoitering for Indian reserves is desperate work, but the commissioners are satisfied that it is well worth the price. Their patriotic ardor must be fired at the thought that they are doing work equal to one machine gun per day, that is about \$1,000 per day. The scow will be useful as a means of carrying back the expense account. Charges and counter charges will be made, but the account will keep on gaining ground steadily at the rate of roughly \$1,000 per day. Some captious critics insinuate that it will be kept down to around \$999, but such a base insult is absolutely ignored.

Spending the people's money is one of the higher branches of politics, witness the magnificent efforts of Roblin and his gang, but the Indian commissioners have got it down to an exact science. In quantity, they cannot hope to compete with the Winnipeg bunch, but then they have not such a structure as a parliament building to work on. Considering the comparative smallness of their field of activity, they are doing wonderfully effective work. Roblin had at least some kind of a building to show for the money squandered, while the poor commissioners can only hope to present figures which could be had by mail from any Indian agent, at any old time. When one takes into consideration the great difficulties they must have in showing results, one must be lenient in sizing up their abilities in spending. It is the quality of their spending that one must admire. Spending money on fresh air and scenery requires the highest skill.



## THE SAM HUGHES LOOK

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After the Major General gets through with him he looks like a jelly strainer. About a year ago Major General Sir Sam directed a few remarks at Mayor Waugh of Winnipeg, on the subject of the proper place for wintering soldiers. Our Minister of Militia believes in keeping the mayors in their places. He told Mayor Waugh that the proper place for soldiers was a big city camp, where they could have all the modern conveniences.

About a fortnight ago Sir Sam directed remarks on a similar subject toward Mayor Church of Toronto. This time the Major General attacked the subject from a new angle. Since a year ago his colleagues have no doubt reasoned with the Major General. They have pointed out perhaps that the way to get votes for the Conservative government is not to concentrate the soldiers in big cities, which are Conservative anyway, but to distribute them through the small towns where Sam has built armories and where the tradesmen would be glad of the money. Consequently, the

Major General is now strongly in favor of distributing the soldiers, spreading the blessing out thin. In short, getting all the gratitude the government can out of it. To this end he would avoid the modern conveniences and the multifarious temptations of the great city and place the soldiers in a village atmosphere.

Billeting is the last word with the Major General, billeting in private houses where the soldiers will develop home ties and be willing to go to bed at nine o'clock, not a bad policy, but a complete reversal of what the Major General said to Mayor Waugh of Winnipeg only twelve months ago. Whether the policy will be carried out or whether the Major General simply did a right-about-face to outflank another mayor—Mayor Church of Toronto—is a moot question.

Just now it looks as if Sir Sam was talking for spite, trying to "hang something on Tommy." The Minister of Militia has an instinct for the explosive phrase. He advised Mayor Church, via the newspaper reporters, to "keep his esteemed nose clean." Some see in this phrase only a soldier's bluntness, but others, who remember the Major General's school teaching days, when little Tommy Church was his pupil, see in it a touching allusion to the past.

As a matter of fact Sir Sam has a strenuous time enforcing a proper subjection among Canadian mayors. With some mayors, the mayor of St. Catharines, Ont., for example, the Major General's form or repartee, which is mostly a verbal kick in the face, does not go down and they refuse to sign their names to civic receptions ordered by the military authorities as a background to Sir Sam's greatness.

Sir Sam may go up and down Canada like a roaring lion, he may (Continued on Page Three.)

## The Brightest Women Find

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