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GIVING THINGS AWAY

The submarine enquiry has taken exactly the lines everyone expected it would take. In commenting on the enquiry, our morning contemporary admits that Sir Richard has his faults, but that avarice and greed can never be laid against him. "He has too little regard for riches to be guilty of these crimes." With the statement that Sir Richard has too little regard for riches, the public of British Columbia will agree heartily. Even in buying the submarines, Sir Richard paid \$1,150,000 for \$750,000 worth. Everything Sir Dick has done for years past has been done regardless of cost to the province. It was this magnificent disregard of the riches of the province which prompted him to agree to the province carrying an abnormal load of C. N. R. bonds. It was the same utter disregard of the value of the lands of the province which caused him to permit the speculator to grab everything he wanted, regardless of results to the province.

Sir Richard's greatest weakness has been giving things away. Incidentally, his weakness has also been his strength as a Conservative leader. Now that there is nothing much more of importance left to give away, Sir Richard's day is over. This is no insinuation that anything was given away at the submarine enquiry. The McBride government has carried out to the limit the ordeal of dying for its friends, and Sir Richard has exemplified the truth of the old adage about the fool and his money, the only unfortunate difference being that the money in this case belonged to the people.

THAT COMMISSION

Even the Journal is disgusted with the work of the Indian commission, but it is not surprising to find it trying to distribute the blame for the farce which is being perpetrated in British Columbia at present. It is interesting to learn that the "Friends of the Indians" are responsible for the whole costly business. Sir Richard McBride did his utmost to save the Indians from their friends, but it was of no avail. In fact Sir Richard could not see what claim the Indians had at all. How anyone who does not figure on the voters' list can possibly have any claim is probably beyond Conservative comprehension.

It seems that the Daily News is largely responsible for the trouble, having been able to coerce Sir Robert Borden into appointing the commission, in spite of the advice of Sir Richard McBride. It is to be hoped that Sir Robert will duly apologise to Sir Dick for allowing a weeping Liberal organ to hoodwink him into thinking that a man without a vote could ever have a claim worth investigating. The Conservative organ naturally ignores the fact that the commission might have done good work at little cost, and apologises most ingeniously for the fact that the commission was ever brought into existence. Evidently the fault lay in giving these gentlemen the opportunity to do nothing luxuriously for three years, at the expense of the people.

Journalist logic is a fearful and wonderful thing. Followed out carefully, it works out something like this: Suppose a man is being held up and robbed, and a law-abiding citizen

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE IN NORTHERN MANCHURIA

American commercial travelers are now penetrating far into northern Manchuria. Consul Mosher reports from Harbin to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, that he is busy introducing American trade solicitors to Russian firms. The consul says he endeavors to be personally acquainted with the managers of every importing firm in his district. When the American commercial travelers arrive at Harbin, the consul introduces them, and gives them useful information. The result is that the buyer and seller are mutually assisted. Recent orders thus placed in Harbin for American goods include Pennsylvania watch cases, \$25,000 worth of Massachusetts shoes, New York roofing, California dried fruits, and Pennsylvania rubber goods, while several orders are pending for railway supplies and other goods. The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has gathered considerable data about Manchuria for all American manufacturers who want to know. Duns Review.

informs the police, and the police in turn rob the thief, his victim, and everybody in sight, the blame for the whole transaction rests with the aforesaid law-abiding citizen. It will not be surprising to learn that the Liberals suggested the charter price of \$700 per day for the Chelohsin, and that some Liberal planned the excursion up the Naas, and the mining trip to Alice Arm.

FARCIICAL CORONATION CEREMONY IN BELGIUM

Miss Sheridan, an Irishwoman, has, according to the Nouvelle Revue, of Paris, a curious story to tell about the German Crown Prince, who, she says, was crowned King of the Belgians in the marketplace of Mein on October 1, 1914. No natives were allowed to see the ceremony, the story of which later was told by German soldiers. A new flag, combining the German and Belgian colors, was hoisted on the church. Miss Sheridan left Ypres soon after the time the event is said to have taken place. Commenting upon the story the Paris Figaro says the ceremony was probably only a farcical affair, which also goes to show the mentality of the future German Kaiser—if he ever fills that position.—World Wide.

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