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NEW PREMIER'S PROBLEMS

British Columbia was the wealthiest province. Perhaps in spite of the regime of fiscal debauchery which ended, it is hoped, with the retirement of Sir Richard McBride, she may still be in that fortunate position. The final effort at which the Premier's supporters took alarm was the proposal to make an additional guarantee of railroad bonds to the extent of several millions. The party system as commonly organized had almost disappeared from the Legislature of the Pacific province, only two Socialist representatives of the miners being elected to voice popular dissatisfaction with the government. But the activity and earnestness of Liberal leaders were supplemented by the premier's supporters who found his extravagance surpassing their toleration. The new premier, Hon. W. J. Bowser, has been in part responsible, as a member of the McBride government, for the unfortunate era of folly. Perhaps the retirement of his former leader will impress him with the wisdom of conserving and administering, with some show of commercial intelligence, what is left of a phenomenal public heritage. The childish imbecility that fails to distinguish between giving and getting, between a loss and a gain, between an asset and a liability, should be ended.

It is sweeter to give than to receive, especially when giving other people's property, and Premier McBride has enjoyed the sweetness until he exceeded the toleration of his political supporters. The nightmare of a fiscal maniac could conceive of nothing more fantastically ridiculous than the sale of public lands on credit. Yet the records of Victoria show \$15,-

000,000 arrears of payments on land. Use is the only means of producing wealth from land, rural or urban. It should be the only means of profit. Any gain made by other operations must be a loss to users. The way this has been ignored is shown, for example, by the record of the Bulkley Valley, which contains about 120,000 acres. A pre-emptor's map showed only about ten sections or 6,400 acres left over for the pre-emptor. In the Kispix Valley there were less than fifty settlers last spring, but one company held 14,000 acres of the best land. Fertile areas have been buried out of reach under a superimposed stratum of title deeds, formed by alienation to favored companies.

The province has guaranteed Canadian Northern bonds to the extent of about \$48,000,000 and Pacific Great Eastern to the extent of \$31,710,000. These burdens, vast as they are, might be borne with ease were it not that a large proportion of the available agricultural land has been alienated to anonymous land-grabbers acting through syndicates and combinations. Coal and timber have gone the same way. The province has 240 billion feet of standing timber, about half the total of the Dominion, according to the Forestry Commission. Sixty per cent. of this has been alienated.

Now that the policy of prodigality is maturing, Premier Bowser will be called upon to face its many problems. He weakly yielded to it when a member of the McBride government. The outbreak of the war lessened his inevitable difficulties and will also afford him an excuse for any means of collecting or regaining adopted. The affairs of a sister province are naturally discussed with

ROYAL YEAST

MAKES PERFECT BREAD

ference. But we should profit by the example of a line of blundering from which no province is exempt, Toronto Globe.

BORDEN GOVERNMENT AND NEW TAXATION

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are not the only British army contracts in Canada which could be taxed for excessive profits. There are embalmed beef contracts, for example, which show a splendid margin, but it is not likely that the big fellows will suffer at the hands of a government whose leading doctrine is that great wealth is too sacred for taxation. As a matter of fact, although hundreds of millions of dollars have been extracted from Great Britain in the shape of excessive profits, nobody has been punished yet or obliged in any way to disgorge. On the other hand W. F. Garland, M. P., pilfers Canada in a small nine thousand dollar way and not only has to cough up but is excommunicated by Premier Borden for doing so. Obviously, the Borden government's loyal plan is to let the profiteer go as far as he likes with the dear old mother country's money, but to take care how he gets caught with his hand in our own till. That is to say he mustn't break the eleventh commandment and get found out or the government won't help him.

Rumor has it that the British North American Act will be amended so as to give the Dominion government the power of taxing incomes which is now exclusively a provincial right. This looks more likely than a deadly blow levelled at the millionaire profiteers who are not used to being taxed and might make a row about it. An income tax would spread the burden over many shoulders instead of few and would possess the additional ad-

LAND REGISTRY ACT

Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Registrar, Antonio Angelo, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as the owner in Fee-simple, under Tax Sale Deeds from the collector of the City of Prince Rupert, to Antonio Angelo, hearing date the 17th day of September, A. D. 1915, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Municipality on or about the 9th day of September, 1914, of all and singular certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the City of Prince Rupert in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as—Lot Four (4), Block Forty-five (45); Lot Eight (8), Block Forty-seven (47); Lot Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36), Block Fifty-one (51). All in Section Eight (8), Map 923.

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vantage of applying mostly to small incomes which can easily be looked up on pay rolls and such like and avoiding the big ones which have clever hiding places. The Borden government believes in the maxim that if you want to raise a lot of money you must get it out of the poor people. With a federal income tax on top of the municipal income tax, which latter only gives fool aldermen another excuse for squandering the people's money instead of husbanding it, the average Canadian ratepayer gets it going and coming.—H. F. Gadsby.

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