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**SHELL CONTRACTS**

The Journal yesterday reproduced at length the reply of Hon. Arthur Meighen to the charges made against the shell committee by Hon. William Pugsley, Mr. Meighen's chief argument being that the shell committee was operating under the imperial government and therefore the Borden government could not start any enquiry.

It is true that the committee was appointed under the imperial government, but it is also true that it was appointed by THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT. Evidently, Lloyd George, at that time, had sufficient confidence in the integrity of Canadian shell manufacturers and in the members of the Borden government to allow them to appoint the committee. To have sent someone from Britain to appoint the committee would have been casting a slur upon the honesty and patriotism of the Canadian officials.

The committee was appointed by Sir Sam Hughes, with the consent of the cabinet at Ottawa. The committee comprised chiefly men who were interested in the making of shells, and these men proceeded to let contracts to themselves at admittedly higher prices than obtained elsewhere, with the result that D. A. Thomas had to be sent over from Britain to find out where the huge profits were going. Lloyd George trusted the Canadian officials in appointing the shell committee, and Canada betrayed that trust.

Neither Mr. Meighen nor any other member of the Borden cabinet can evade the real issue. The recent speech in defence was an able piece of special pleading, but it only served to show that there is necessity for an enquiry. Gen-

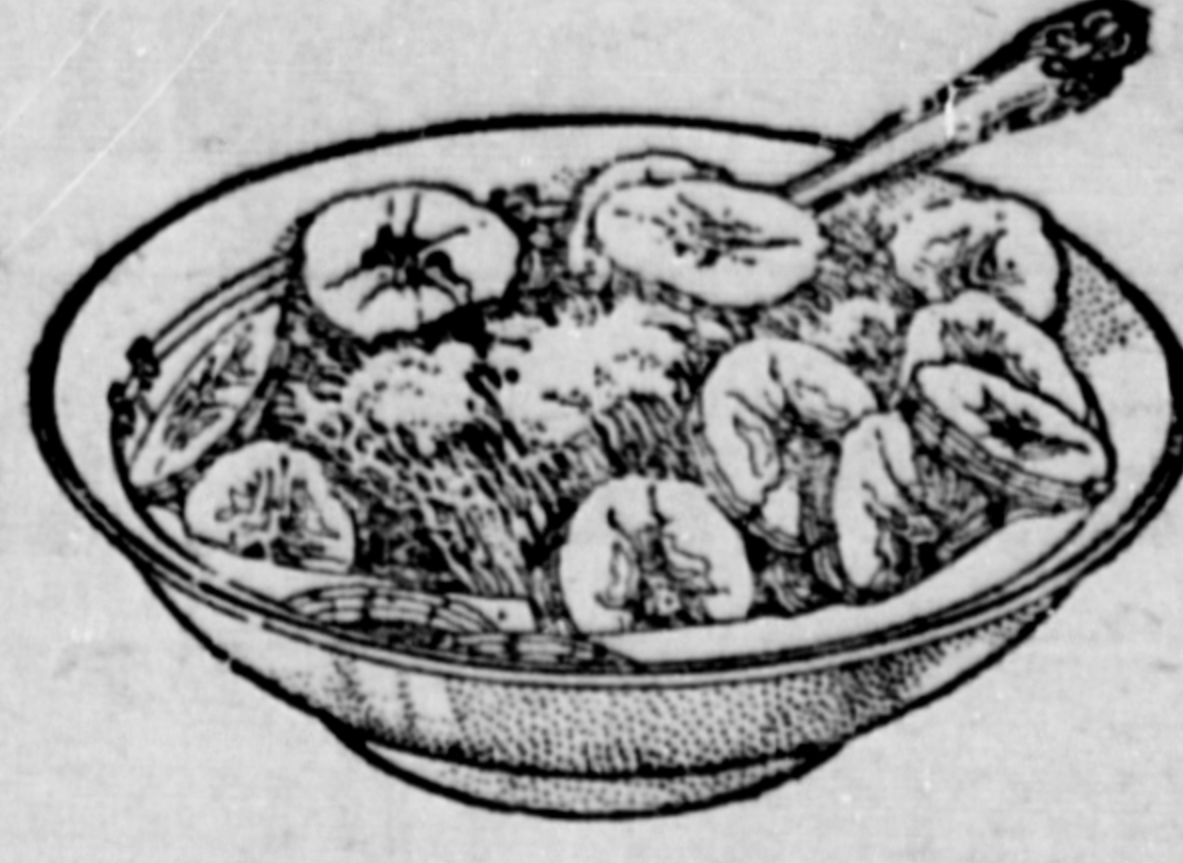
eral Bertram claimed recently that the remodelled committee had effected a saving of \$40,000,000 by bringing about a reduction in prices on the more recent contracts. This is a clear admission that the earlier contractors took a profit of \$40,000,000 which they should not have taken, or have been allowed to take.

The good name of Canada is at stake, and no evasion will serve to hide the fact. The one great fact stands out clearly that the members of the committee betrayed their trust to the Empire, their highest ideal being "How much can we make out of the Empire's great need" and not "How can we help save the Empire in its extremity." The following from the Toronto Telegram sums up the situation:

"The shell committee was acting on behalf of Sir Robert Borden just as Sir Robert was acting on behalf of the Canadian people. The shell committee was not the steward of Canada's money—it was the steward of Canada's honor. The most devil-like qualities of the race are a stench in the rotten presence of the contract-grabbing brood of carrion crows that infest Ottawa, eager to plunder Britain and disgrace Canada with their greed."

If, as Mr. Meighen says, the doings of the shell committee are no concern of the Canadian parliament, they at least are the concern of the Canadian people. If the members of the Borden government care to go down to history as a greedy aggregation which grabbed all it could when the boss was abroad, the people of Canada have no desire to be ranked with them. If Canada has any vestige of honor left, the letting of shell contracts by the committee to members of the com-

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**LAND REGISTRY ACT.**

**Notice Under Section 36.**

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You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within forty-five days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Sven Holmquist as owner in fee.

Your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" and amendments, and especially to the following extract therefrom which relates to the above notice.

"And in default of a caveat or certificate of his pendency being filed before the registration as owner of the persons entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, or served with notice under subsection (6) of section 155 of the 'Municipal Clauses Act, 1906,' or section 293 of the 'Municipal Act, 1903,' or section 139 of the 'Assessment Act, 1903,' or section 253 of the 'Taxation Act,' in cases in which notice under this Act is dispensed with as hereinafter provided, and those claiming through or under them and all persons claiming any interest in the land by virtue of any unregistered instrument, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes."

Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, this 19th day of January, A. D. 1916.

H. F. MACLEOD, District Registrar.  
To Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co., Ltd., J. P. Conrad, Jack Jenkins, Mrs. C. R. McDonald.

**LAND REGISTRY ACT**

IN THE MATTER OF An application for the issue of a fresh Certificate of Title to Lot Fifty (50), Block three (3), Section seven (7), City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

Proof of the loss of the certificate of title to the above lands having been filed in this office, Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue, at the expiration of one (1) month from the first publication hereof, a fresh certificate of title to the above lot in the name of John R. Rodoff, which Certificate of Title is dated 15th December, 1911, and is numbered 959-1.

H. F. MACLEOD, District Registrar.  
Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., December 6th, 1915. 115.

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R. B. MCGINNIS, Applicant.  
By H. C. Ingle, Agent.

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