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THE ROSS RIFLE

A few weeks ago the Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor-general, in a public speech, declared that the reason why the present government continued to arm Canadian soldiers with the Ross rifle for a year after it was found that this weapon was useless for active service was that it was bound by a contract between Sir Charles Ross and the previous administration. This apparently was the best defence Mr. Meighen, the government's champion defender, could make. Sir Chas. Ross at once retorted that not only was the government not bound to any particular rifle, but pertinently pointed out that even if it was it had the power to set aside the contract if it involved the safety of its men in the field. Discussing the matter the Ottawa Citizen says: "Sir Charles Ross is apparently prepared to prove that he did not bind the government to the Ross rifle in particular, although the loquacious solicitor-general, in his recent apologist campaign, distinctly affirmed that the government was bound by the terms of its contract with the Ross company to use only the rifle manufactured by that company and officially known as the Ross rifle—an explanation that was faithfully echoed, with much abuse for any other contention, by the local government organ. It was asserted by the party press that the government would have laid itself open to suits for immense damages had the contract been departed from by the militia department. "Sir Charles Ross puts the issue squarely before the solicitor-general. He is evidently prepared to stand by his guns—and his gun. Sir Charles, it is worth noting, takes virtually the same position as that conjectured by the Citizen in answer to the claim of the solicitor-general, viz., that the government could not be morally bound to accept a weapon which did not suit the men at the front. It is exceedingly doubtful if it could be legally forced to accept an unsatisfactory arm. In any event the

consent of the crown would have to be obtained were a suit to be taken against the government, so that the entire situation was in the hands of the government.

"The explanation of Sir Charles Ross comes at a time when it should do much to clear the air and definitely fix responsibility for the persistent equipping of the troops at the front with the rifle against the use of which there was much bitter complaint from those apparently in a position to know. Men risking their lives for the Empire would probably be in a better position to give an impartial opinion regarding the merits of the Ross as a military rifle than all the experts in the country.

"The country demands the facts regarding the equipping of the troops with the Ross rifle and will not be put off by 'explanations' like that of the solicitor-general. In the meantime, that gentleman would seem to be in an unenviable position. It is difficult to see how he can repudiate his Montreal speech without admitting that he did not know what he was talking about. If he presumes to answer Sir Charles Ross the country is in for some interesting revelations. In any event it is clear the government will be put on its defence in this matter during the coming session."—Victoria Times.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Woodrow is again pounding the typewriter. It is to be hoped that his new note is worthy of a man who occupies the seat of Abraham Lincoln and that his views are expressed in unmistakable language.

The United States is looked upon by the smaller neutral nations in Europe as the leader of the neutrals. It is to be hoped that President Wilson, feeling the responsibility of his position, gives them a strong lead.

Shipping as usual is the order in Great Britain. Germany has already done her worst and has



been able to get only one British transport. With the big liners guarded as carefully as transports have been, the latest German threat will prove as idle and futile as the rest of the Prussian boasting.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg says that Germany stakes everything on the outcome of the submarine campaign. She has already staked, and lost irretrievably, her name as a civilized nation. Though she were even yet to win the war, she has lost what untold victories on the field can never give her again.

The American liner St. Louis has left New York without complying with the German regulations. How dare the Americans refuse to be ruled by the Germans? If a German submarine sinks the St. Louis, the fat will be in the fire.

SUN AND TIDE

Sunday, February 4th.
Sun rises 8:15 a. m.
Sun sets 5:55 p. m.
High water 0:10 a. m. Ht. 17.2
Low water 5:53 a. m. Ht. 9.7
High water 11:44 a. m. Ht. 19.3
Low water 6:23 p. m. Ht. 4.6
Monday, February 5th.
Sun rises 8:13 a. m.
Sun sets 5:7 p. m.
High water 0:50 a. m. Ht. 17.2
Low water 6:31 a. m. Ht. 9.7
High water 12:26 p. m. Ht. 19.3
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AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice he said Hume B. Babington and Norman B. Brodhurst will under Section 7 of the said act apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, for approval of the said site and plans and for leave to construct the said wharf.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 27th day of December, A. D. 1916.
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Wednesdays, 9:30 a. m.
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From the East.

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Sundays, 3:10 p. m.

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Sundays, 4 p. m.

From Vancouver.

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Sundays, 7 p. m.

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Fridays, 8 p. m.
Sundays, 8 p. m.

From Anyox.

Thursdays, Sundays and Tuesdays.

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LEO STANLEY BURDON.
NOVEMBER 8, 1916. F. 6.

MINERAL ACT

Notice to Delinquent Partners.
To Grant Mahood and Patrick Daly.

TAKE NOTICE that whereas we have done and caused to be done assessment work by surveys on the Daly, Sullivan, Edith and Lois Mineral Claims, situated in the Salmon River District, Portland Canal Mining Division, for the year 1916, and have paid for said work and recording same the sum of \$510.00, unless you pay to us the sum of \$255.00 for your share of said assessment work, together with the cost of this advertisement, we shall at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date hereof, apply to the Mining Recorder at Stewart, B. C., to have your interests in the said Daly, Sullivan, Edith and Lois mineral claims vested in us, in pursuance of the provisions of the Mineral Act.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of November, A. D. 1916.
JAMES McDONALD,
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