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THE MINUS QUANTITY

At the opening of the Provincial Parliament in Victoria on Thursday last, the accounts of the speech from the throne prove very interesting reading. Probably one of the most interesting portions of the speech was that which dealt with the necessity for the readjustment of the finances of the province. Other very interesting reading was provided in the public accounts for the year ending last March 31st, which were submitted to the House immediately after the commencement of the session. When one of the ministers stated that the new government had found only "six bits" in the treasury, he overshot the mark somewhat. That six bits was owing—and much more. There was a deficit of nearly \$4,000,000 for the year 1915-16. This makes a deficit for five years running, and the total deficit for that period amounts to over \$20,000,000. These figures are rather staggering to the ordinary individual and the like of it is not to be found in the whole of Canada. We have still to learn what the deficit will be for the year ending on March 31, 1917, but basing calculations on the estimates of the previous session, it will probably be over \$5,000,000. On the assumption that \$5,000,000 will cover the shortage during this last year, this means that during the past six years, the Bowser government has got rid of \$25,000,000 more than the revenue of the province during that period.

Now any fool can spend money, but it takes a wise man to keep what he has, specially in these times. The wisdom of the new government will be put to the test in their financial policy, just as the financial policy or rather the lack of a financial policy showed up the foolishness of the late government.

With this glaring record of incompetence made public, we await with interest to hear what pronouncement the members of the late House will be having to say on financial matters. Unless the verdict of the electors in the province at the last

election has given them to "think furiously" and has caused them to refer back to the text book of "elementary economics" which every school-boy learns before he leaves high school, their usefulness in the discussion of the finances of the province will be nil. Criticism, of course, is easy. The man in the street can criticise, but the new government has got a man size job ahead of them. Mr. Brewster and his colleagues have inherited a very heavy undertaking and their conduct of the affairs of British Columbia will prove them to be the men they are.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

At a rule a Speech from the Throne is distinguished more for what it leaves out than for what it contains, but the deliverance from the Lieutenant-Governor proved an exception. It embodied a very full sessional programme, which permits us to picture an exceedingly busy collection of lawmakers for the next two months or more. In addition to discharging this ambitious outlay and dealing with other developments which will arise from time to time, they also overhaul any considerable proportion of the legislation of the last Legislature that for various reasons needs overhauling. They will have initiated the new term with an enviable record of solid achievement.

Among the measures foreshadowed in the Speech are a number which will provide reforms for which there has long been an urgent demand. The readjustment of the financial affairs of the province stands first among these in the order of importance. British Columbia's administration must be made self-supporting; it must learn to pay its way without being compelled to rely upon the money-lender. In this the measure of civil service reform referred to in the Speech should be an important factor. How far it will fill that role, however, will depend upon its administration. The new election law outlined in the Speech will be of unusual interest, for it will pro-

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vide for the extension of the franchise to women in accordance with the expressed will of the people. It also will prescribe conditions which should spell the end of personation in elections. It is the intention of the government to provide a test at the polls which will be an infallible safeguard against this form of electoral corruption.

Exceptional interest attaches to the new session in a general sense too because of the critical character of the times. We are still in the midst of a great war which imposes stern duties and obligations and serious problems upon provinces and municipalities, as such, as well as upon the nation as a whole. The period of reconstruction after the conflict in many ways will be more trying than the period of the war itself, and the laws and regulations now adopted will determine in a very material degree the manner in which British Columbia will stand the transition from the conditions of war to those of peace.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT
(Sections 36 and 134.)

Re Application No. 9144-1, Filing 1519.
TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register The Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert in the Province of British Columbia, as owner in fee under two Tax Sale Deeds from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, bearing date the 7th day of December, 1916, of ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the Municipality of Prince Rupert, more particularly known and described as North-Western Seventy (70), feet of Lots Eleven (11), and Twelve (12) Block Eighteen (18), Section One (1), Map 923.

You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within thirty-five days from the date of the service of this notice (which may be effected by personal service or as directed), and your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" with amendments, and to the following extract therefrom:—

"and in default of a caveat or certificate of its pendency being filed before the registration as owner of the person entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, 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 for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes, and the Registrar shall register the person entitled under such tax sale as owner of the land so sold for taxes."

AND WHEREAS application has been made for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the abovementioned lands, in the name of The Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert:

AND WHEREAS on investigating the title it appears that prior to the fourteenth day of September, 1916, (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were a mortgagee thereof.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time I shall effect registration in pursuance of such application and issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the said lands in the name of the above corporation unless you take and prosecute the proper proceedings to establish your claim, if any, to the said lands, or to prevent such proposed action on my part.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., this 20th day of December, A. D. 1916.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles,
To Frederic Schattner, Esq.,
care C. L. Freeman, C. P. R. Bldg.,
Edmonton, Alberta.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT
(Sections 36 and 134.)

Re Application No. 9042—File No. 5794.
TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register Marion B. Morrissey, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as owner in fee under Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, bearing date the 10th day of September, 1915, of ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the Municipality of Prince Rupert, more particularly known and described as Lot Eighteen (18), Block Eight (8), Section Eight (8), Map 923.

You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 35 days from the date of the service of this notice (which may be effected by personal service) and your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" with amendments, and to the following extracts therefrom:— "and in default of a caveat or certificate of its pendency being filed before the registration as owner of the person entitled under such sale, all persons so served with notice, 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 for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes, and the Registrar shall register the person entitled under such tax sale as owner of the land so sold for taxes."

AND WHEREAS application has been made for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above-mentioned lands, in the name of Marion B. Morrissey:

AND WHEREAS on investigating the title it appears that prior to the 9th day of September, 1916, (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were the assessed owner thereof.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time I shall effect registration in pursuance of such application and issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the said lands in the name of Marion B. Morrissey unless you take and prosecute the proper proceedings to establish your claim, if any, to the said lands, or to prevent such proposed action on my part.

DATED at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., this 27th day of October, A. D. 1916.

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles,
To Reuben Nugent, Esq., M15
1207 Pacific St., Vancouver, B. C.

SAVING WATERS PROTECTION ACT.
R. S. B. C. Chapter 116.

Hume B. Babington and Norman R. Brodhurst of the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, hereby give notice that they have under Section 7 of the said act deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and in the office of the District Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry Office at the City of Prince Rupert aforesaid a description of the site and the plans of a wharf proposed to be built in Henslung Bay, Langara Island, in front of Lots 999 and 995, Queen Charlotte Island Land District, Province of British Columbia.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice the said Hume B. Babington and Norman R. 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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