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THE ROSS RIFLE FACTORY

An Ottawa dispatch describes the closing of the Ross Rifle factory at Quebec as a preliminary to the expropriation of the establishment by the Dominion government. This, says the Victoria Times, is a marked reversal of the policy manifested in the proceedings in the House of Commons a few days before the recent adjournment. Then, the government secured the passage of a vote of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of more Ross rifles, a proposal which precipitated a review of the whole tragic story of this weapon and vigorous criticism of the government's course in regard to it.

The Ross rifle was found to be defective for war service after the first grim test at Ypres in the spring of 1915. Yet notwithstanding adverse reports from the highest authorities, the Canadian government continued to arm the Canadian troops with the weapon. Last May the publication of a report by General Alderson, formerly in command of the troops, in the Ottawa Citizen, caused a debate in the House, with the result that the matter was referred to Sir Douglas Haig. The commander-in-chief recommended the abandonment of the rifle for active service last summer, but it was not until November that the government decided to authorize the change, or eighteen months after the defects of the original arm was first revealed. It was then disclosed that Sir Douglas Haig had made several recommendations on the subject which, as far as Canada was concerned, never saw the light of day.

When the House opened this year the members were mystified to find in the estimates an item of \$2,000,000 for more Ross rifles. In answer to Opposition queries the ministry stated that these were to be used for training and that the British authorities were anxious to have them for that purpose. Evidently Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have made an interesting discovery since their arrival in England—that the British authorities do not want the rifle for any purpose, Sir Charles Ross's

statement issued at Quebec contains the following significant paragraph:

"The Imperial cancellation reached us a few days ago, and is to take effect on the 31st instant. The cancellation by the Canadian authorities was only received this morning, to take effect immediately, and this without previous warning or representation of any kind."

Under its contract the Ross Rifle Company was required to furnish a weapon satisfactory to the government. It could have turned out Lee-Enfields or any other kind of rifle if it had been authorized by the government to do so. Ottawa seemed to have a veritable horror of permitting a Canadian factory to make any other arm than the one whose persistent employment in the fact of adverse expert advice for over a year involved the death of many a gallant Canadian soldier.

The government is doing now what it ought to have done two years ago, not only in regard to the production of small arms but in respect of munitions. National munition plants should now be operated by the scores. We already had the foundation in numerous machine shops or repair stations owned and operated by the nation. Nothing, however, was done in this direction. Indeed one of the finest plants on the continent, the Transcona carshop, was leased to a mushroom company of profiteers. Undoubtedly the action it is proposed to take in regard to the Ross Rifle factory is due to pressure exercised by the Imperial authorities. Otherwise so startling a departure from custom would not have been adopted.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg says woe to the man who shall stand in the way of greater freedom for the people when the war is over. The utterance of the chancellor may be accepted as another example of Hun strategy. All good things are to be poured upon the German people after the war is over. But they all must suffer and multitudes die first—for the glory of the house of Hohenzollern. There evidently is

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some apprehension in Germany that the people may follow the example of the Russians and demand the right even to the point of revolution of managing their own affairs before the war is over.

The advance of the British and French forces in France has brought them within ten miles generally of the Douai-Cambrai-Laon line and before long we shall know if the Huns intend to make a determined stand there. If they do not it will be clear that they contemplate a retirement from three-fourths of the soil of France originally held by them. Their systematic destruction of villages and towns before abandoning them suggests this ultimate purpose.

"With Jerusalem occupied by the British the dreams of the Zionists will be a step nearer realization." This was one of the remarks made one Sunday by Rabbi Meyer Berlin, of New York, in his Yiddish speech at the synagogue of the Sons of Israel. This shows the Jewish faith not in their religion but in British fair play. The Zionist movement has as its backbone the bringing back of the Jews to Jerusalem and the surrounding country.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Sections 26 and 134.)

Re Application N. 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 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 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 forever 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, 1914, (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were the assessed owner hereof.

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., M.P.,
1207 Pacific St., Vancouver, B. C.

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LAND ACT

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skeena, B. C., occupation engineer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the N.W. corner of Lot 4, Alford Bay, Skeena Inlet, thence west 20 chains, thence north 5 chains, thence 20 chains in an easterly direction following the shore line, thence two chains to point of commencement, containing 15 acres, more or less.
GEORGE MCRAE, Applicant.
Dated January 15th, 1917. A28

Navigable Waters Protection Act.

R. S. C., CHAPTER 115.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company hereby gives notice that it has, 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 the Land Registry Office, District of Prince Rupert, at Prince Rupert, a description of the site and plan of lumber mill and other works proposed to be built in the Prince Rupert harbor at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, in front of Waterfront Block "F", according to registered plan of the township of the said city of Prince Rupert registered in the aforesaid land registry office as No. 923, Section 7.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will, under Section 7 of the said Act, apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa for approval of the said site and plan and for leave to construct the said works.

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