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THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL

The Civil Service Bill, introduced in the Legislature last week "is one of the most important measures ever submitted for the consideration of the law-makers of this province," says the Victoria Times. "It is the product of careful thought and inquiry, in which the government had the benefit of the expert counsel of Dr. Adam Shortt, of the Dominion Civil Service Commission, who generously gave his services without charge. The bill follows closely the Federal legislation of 1908, but relatively goes further, as it covers certain branches of what is known as the outside service. Like the Dominion Act, the new measure classifies the service by divisions, which in turn are divided into grades, maximum and minimum remuneration being fixed for each. It makes special provision for persons of technical or professional experience as well as for deputy ministers, whose appointments are subject to the control of the Government, which also retains the power to fix their salaries.

"The measure will be administered by a commissioner who will have the rank of a deputy minister and who will be removable by only the Legislature. He must give his undivided attention to the work. His duty will be to test and pass upon the qualifications of candidates for admission to the service, or for promotion in the service, and to supervise examinations and make recommendations for improvements wherever he deemed them necessary to the efficiency of the various branches.

"Thus the control of practically the entire public service of the province will pass out of the hands of the party politicians. It will be conducted on a business basis with merit and ability as the sole qualifications for admission and promotion. This forecast, of course, must be conditioned largely upon the kind of commissioner who is chosen to administer the law. If a wise selection be made for the post, the country will gain value from the legislation. The new bill, well administered, will

make an end of government by political machine. It will write 'finis' on the corrupt conception that positions in the public service should be the rewards of party services. This practice has flourished in British Columbia for many years, which explains why our taxpayers have had to provide a sum for civil government large enough to cover the needs of a population of millions.

"In reorganizing the civil service according to the measure introduced, Mr. Brewster is carrying into effect what we always have regarded as the most important plank of his election programme. Nothing commended the cause championed by him more strongly to the electorate than his pledge of civil service reform and the abolition of patronage. Now that his government is in office it has to bear in mind that it is the trustee of the public interest, not of the exclusive interest of the Liberal party; that its duty is to provide the most efficient administration for the benefit of the country as a whole and that a continuance of the system which has prevailed hitherto amounts to nothing but larceny at the expense of the taxpayers. Under a businesslike direction, clear of the blight of patronage, our civil service undoubtedly will enormously increase in efficiency and effect a large saving of public funds. The government is doing the right thing, the honest thing, by those who placed it in office, and that is not only the best politics, but the soundest policy."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

These be troublous times for cabinet ministers as well as crowned heads. Advisers of the late Czar of Russia are in jail. We have jailed some ministers in Canada too, but perhaps not enough.

Many rumors are percolating through the barrier of a stern censorship that disturbances are frequent in Germany. But we observe that the Overseas News Bureau has nothing to say either in denial or confirmation of the reports. Not that anything it

might say would be convincing.

Mr. Macdonald severed connection with his law firm on January 1, 1917. Mr. Bowser continued to act as solicitors for Foley, Welch & Stewart and Mackenzie & Mann until the electorate fired him. The contrast is eloquent.

It appears from Mr. Tate's evidence that the payment of trust funds to railway corporations in defiance of the law was a habit with the late Government. He says he understands it was done also in the case of the C. N. R. How much were Mackenzie & Mann overpaid, we wonder? This is something the Government will have to ascertain.

General Morant says that France must hold England responsible for the destruction wrought by the Germans in their retreat. This is another illustration of the amazing way in which the German mind works.

SUN AND TIDE

Wednesday, March 28th.
Sun rises 6:29 a. m.
Sun sets 6:51 p. m.
High water 4:41 a. m. Ht. 19.9
Low water 11:19 a. m. Ht. 5.5
High water 5:48 p. m. Ht. 16.7
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LAND LEASE NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that I, William James Matthews, acting as agent for the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company, Limited, registered office in Vancouver, B. C., of Arrandale, occupation store keeper, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post driven on the east shore of Portland Canal about a mile and a half north of Dogfish Bay, from thence north twenty chains; thence east ten chains; thence south twenty chains; thence west ten chains.

February 11th, 1917. M. J. WILLIAM JAMES MATTHEWS, Applicant.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Sections 36 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 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., M. J.
1207 Pacific St., Vancouver, B. C.



THE MAILS

For the East.
Tuesdays, 2 a. m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a. m.
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From the East.
Tuesdays, 5:30 p. m.
Thursdays, 5:30 p. m.
Sundays, 3:10 p. m.

For Vancouver.
Tuesdays, 4 p. m.
Thursdays, 10 p. m.
Sundays, 4 p. m.

From Vancouver.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a. m.
Fridays, 3 p. m.
Sundays, 7 p. m.
Alternate Mondays from January 1st.

For Anyox.
Wednesdays, 10 p. m.
Fridays, 8 p. m.
Sundays, 8 p. m.

From Anyox.
Thursdays, Sundays and Tuesdays.

The Islands.

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Box 27—G. T. P.

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Box 38—6th Ave. and Thompson St.

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Box 44—6th Ave. and Basil St.
Box 45—7th Ave. and Eberts.
Box 141—7th Ave. and Young St.

LAND ACT

SKENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skidegate, 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, Skidegate 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 "T", according to registered plan of the townsite 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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