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THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT

The Civil Service Act is undoubtedly one of the most important measures which will be considered and adopted this session, and will effect a sweeping reform in the method of appointment to the public service, as well as in the organization and transaction of the country's business. It should also lead to an immense saving in expenditure in the management of the various departments of government. The expenditure on civil government in British Columbia for the year 1913-14 was \$1,229,707, in addition to salaries for the administration of justice, \$57,848. For the same year, civil government cost Ontario \$790,999 and Quebec \$582,432. Since then, the disparity has greatly increased, our civil service expenditure for last year having mounted to nearly one and three-quarters of a million dollars.

Not many measures have been launched in the British Columbia Legislature under such favorable auspices as those which make smooth the pathway of the Civil Service bill. It has behind it the unmistakable mandate of the public, disgusted with the domination of the service by a political machine; it is backed by the exigencies of the financial situation, whose calls for economy and efficiency no longer can be ignored without courting disaster. It is not an easy thing for any party government to tear up by the roots a system which has flourished in a country for years and upon a continuance of which is some form or other a proportion of its followers may still regard with friendly eye. But Mr. Brewster's task becomes less difficult in the light of the public response to the pledge he gave on this subject.

The demand for Civil Service reform has spread rapidly throughout the world during the last few years, especially in those countries where the spoils system has been carried to extremes. In the United States there has been a strong reaction in this direction. The taxpayers, awake to the fact that their funds were being expended without regard to value received, began to ask why a dollar spent by a well-managed private corporation went three

times as far as a dollar spent by governments. They discovered that they themselves were to blame, that as long as they indicated that they were satisfied with that condition the consideration of value would play a very small part in the expenditure of their money. As the result of agitation for public services based upon merit and ability, Civil Service reforms have been carried out by many states across the line and are now being extended to the services of numerous municipalities.

The main object of the Act is to substitute appointments by merit, ascertained in part by competitive examination, for appointment as a reward for political service, or through nepotism and similar ulterior motives. The Act has been drafted by Professor Adam Shortt, a distinguished historian and economist who has also given many years to the study of civil service reform, and whose experience as administrator under the federal Act is invaluable. Professor Shortt has not only given the province the best service of which he is capable in drawing the Act, but has added to our obligation and his claims on our esteem by affording the province his aid and advice quite gratuitously. This is a new experience for British Columbia, and one that will be heartily appreciated.

Dr. Shortt has devoted years to a close study of the various systems in force throughout the world, especially that of the United Kingdom, while his practical experience as Dominion Civil Service Commissioner has enabled him to take note of local conditions in the preparation of the measure. The province is deeply indebted to him for his inestimable services.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme tonight is to be screened Charlie Chaplin in his latest triumph. The comic has no better exponent than Charlie Chaplin and his popularity increases with every new film. His unconscious absurdities raise roars of laughter, and as a tonic against the grouch, Charlie is supreme. In addition, Valentine Grant also appears in the well-known Scottish play, "The Daughter of MacGregor." The title con-

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A. W. CARTER, Acting as agent for the B. C. Canning Co., Limited. February 25th, 1917.

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 situated, 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 his 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, 1914, (the date on which the said lands were sold for overtaxes), 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., M11
1207 Pacific St., Vancouver, B. C.

THE MAILS

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Box 25—2nd Ave. and 2nd St.
Box 26—2nd Ave. and 6th St.
Box 27—G. T. P.
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Box 37—8th Ave. and Dodge Place.
Box 38—6th Ave. and Thompson St.
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