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THE P. G. E. REPORT

"Illegality from beginning to end, a continuous betrayal of the public interest, and political corruption in its most sinister form," is how the Victoria Times terms the findings of the committee of enquiry into the P. G. E. contract, which was submitted to the Legislature last week. "The accuracy and soundness of the committee's findings cannot be challenged," continues the Times, "for they are based upon direct evidence and mainly upon the admissions of the chief witness."

"The contract was awarded illegally, the share capital was divided illegally, millions were paid out of the provincial trust fund illegally; indeed, never were laws and regulations affecting a public contract so persistently spurned. The late Government completely abdicated its functions. The sworn trustee of the people, it permitted an overpayment of one-third of the entire amount spent upon construction, in direct contravention of the trust provision of the statute. To that extent the company was the Government, the ministers, signing away millions, 'pro forma' as Mr. Bowser says, merely acting as its agents. There was no Government supervision worthy of the name. This was self-evident from the disclosures in the testimony in general, even without the admission of the Government engineer."

"What is the situation as established by the report? After dividing the share capital of \$25,000,000 which the law stipulated should be used to raise funds to help in defraying the cost of construction; after receiving \$20,000,000 on construction account for the payment of every dollar of which the taxpayers are liable and which now involves an annual interest charge of \$1,000,000; after extracting profits amounting to \$5,100,000, the company, defaulting its interest obligations, declares it is unable to carry out its agreement and leaves the country, unloading upon the people the whole burden not only for what has been done but of raising another \$15,000,000 to complete the road. Having squeezed the lemon to its last drop it con-

temptuously tosses the rind to the Province.

"Where is the personal guarantee of the contractors Mr. Bowser was wont to tell us about? What is there for the Province to seize that the Province did not give to them? The country will expect some illumination from the members of the late Government under whose auspices this ruinous fiasco became possible. It will expect some other explanation of this gross betrayal of its interest than the bandying of responsibility from one minister to another. Manitoba in the palmist days of the Roblin-Rogers machine never had anything to approach in magnitude this wholesale jobbery at the expense of the public. Indeed, the history of the Dominion can present no parallel to this chapter of the railroad policy of Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Bowser."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

New York Sun: The curt conciseness of this cable to the office of the American Fund for French wounded carries a certain conviction that the most eloquent news dispatch often lacks: "Terrible condition Noyon. Urgent appeal for condensed milk and rice. Children pitiful. Scoury. No meat seventeen months. All girls over fifteen carried off." In what other war of the last two centuries outside of Asia Minor has such a statement been made? Against what European nation other than Germany could the charge truthfully be brought?

"Like Samson, we would arise and would shake ourselves and find that our strength is gone. I utter the most solemn words I have ever uttered in my life, and I believe them to the very bottom of my heart, that there is danger ahead." The solemn, pregnant sentences here quoted have no reference to the war or the situation created by the war. They are the words of Sir George Foster, at present acting Premier of Canada, spoken in 1914 with reference to reciprocity with the United States. And, as the Toronto Star states: "By the evidence of his own solemn words, the most solemn he ever uttered in his life,



Sir George has now cut Canada into sections and drained away its life blood. Not only so, but Samson has gone to Washington shaved, to meet Delilah."

The outstanding feature with regard to the boasted German efficiency seems to us to be this: That, after planning a war for many years, and descending to the very depths of devilry in its prosecution, the Germans are going to be defeated in the long run by the people whom they found less ready and took by surprise. The Germans have won many victories and have performed many brilliant military feats. But we sometimes get a little tired of hearing them spoken of as if they were bound to be successful in all their undertakings. It seems worth while to point out now and then that they are really not more

COAL NOTICES

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JAMES McNULTY, Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Joseph Rowat, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation prospector, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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JOSEPH ROWAT, Austin Brown, agent.

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JOHN WILLIAM GOSS, Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Roslyn Duke, of Portland, Ore., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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efficient than their enemies after all, in spite of the owlish solemnity with which they recite their own claims to superiority.

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WILLIAM DIXON, Austin Brown, agent.

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TURNER ROTHWELL MULLEN, Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Agnes Brown, of Victoria, B. C., occupation widow, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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AGNES BROWN, Austin Brown, agent.

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EDWARD PICKARD, Austin Brown, agent.

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JAMES RAY, Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Frederick Moersch, of Victoria, B. C., occupation salesman, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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FREDERICK MOERSCH, Austin Brown, agent.

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MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

Caribou Mineral Claim, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located:—Near head of Alice Arm, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. Fred Ritchie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 3229 C, acting as agent for W. A. Williams, Free Miner's Certificate No. 5011 C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 27th day of March, A. D. 1917.

J. FRED RITCHIE, Agent.

MINERAL ACT

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT PARTNER

To C. W. Calhoun:

Take notice, whereas I have done and caused to be done assessment work on the Midnight Fraction mineral claim, situated on the Illilance river, about fourteen miles from the head of Alice Arm, in the Skeena mining division of Skeena district, assessment work for 1914, 1915, and 1916, and have paid for said work and recording same the sum of \$307.50. Unless you pay me the sum of \$102.50, for your share of the said assessment work, together with the cost of this advertisement, I shall, at the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date hereof apply to the mining recorder at Prince Rupert, B. C., to have your interests in the Midnight Fraction mineral claim vested in me, in pursuance of the provisions of the mineral act.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 11th day of April, 1917.

H. C. PHILLIPS.

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