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THE LAND SETTLEMENT BILL

The new Land Settlement Bill, which was lucidly and comprehensively explained by the Minister of Agriculture in the Provincial House recently, is the Government's response to the greatest demand of these extraordinary times. In the light of the Minister's explanation, the measure reflects the intention of the provincial authorities to play an active role in land settlement and agriculture in the province, not only to lay a foundation for the future, but to meet the urgent conditions with which the exigencies of the war have confronted the country. Upon all governments, national, provincial and state, devolves the imperative duty of not only encouraging, but promoting and directing the increased production of food.

This cannot be done effectively only by private initiative. It must be the result of organized effort backed by the resources of the country. The Government which does not respond to that duty is laying upon itself a heavy responsibility. The governments of Great Britain and France, not to speak of those of the enemy states, are actively managing the agricultural production of those countries as state services. President Wilson is seeking extraordinary powers from Congress in a similar direction, while the authorities of many of the American States have virtually gone into the agricultural industry. This measure is in accord with the demand of the times, recognized everywhere else as too pressing to be disregarded.

It is proposed to form a board to be known as the Land Settlement Board of B. C. "It will be for the Board to bring about economic settlement," said Mr. Oliver, in explaining the bill: "community settlement, where men and women will be able to have the advantage of neighbors, schools, and all the comforts and conveniences of life in a settled community, but which are impossible in scattered settlements. It is impossible for settlers to exist in anything like reasonable circumstances in some of the places where they are to be found today. You can find women and children practically

buried alive, under conditions that it is not fitting that any of our race should be subjected to; where it is utterly impossible under financial conditions and impracticable in any event to give them the facilities they must have to make life worth living. I can point out to the House by name localities where settlers are trying to exist under conditions which are not fit for a human being.

"I speak of conditions as they exist," continued Mr. Oliver, "without reference to how they were created. The Government is continually besought for money to carry on road work and to make improvements in districts where the only means the settlers have of subsistence, in addition to the few vegetables they can grow in their gardens and the game they can hunt in the woods, is the few dollars they can get from road work. The commission will have power to take over their holdings, and substitute holdings in a settled community, where they can exist as white people should."

This is only one of the proposed duties of the new board, but it is one that will have far-reaching consequences. By a system of community settlement, the value of the pioneer work done by a community together is infinitely greater than when that work is scattered over a great area. Besides which, the pleasure of the settlers is immensely increased. And by making settling attractive, many more people will be prepared to go on the land than otherwise would.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Now that the fraternizing of the Russian troops with the Germans has ceased and fighting has again been resumed, great things may be looked for from Russia. Apparently they have cleaned things up in Petrograd to the immediate satisfaction of all parties of the people. Now that a working basis of Government has been reached, it is to be hoped that the Russians will "get on with the war." The Russian soldier will realize as never before that he is fighting for his own country, and not for the Czar's, and the bureaucrats.

Four British destroyers put to flight eleven enemy vessels of the

same class in the North Sea the other day. The German destroyers did not wait to fight, although almost three to one. The memory of the deeds of the "Swift" and the "Broke" in the Channel a few weeks previously, when the two British destroyers accounted for six of the enemy destroyers must have stayed with the Germans on this occasion.

Dispatches received the other day state that the Germans are still "babbling about peace terms." The Bavarian Premier's inspired statement is that Germany desires peace but must have concessions. Before the war is finished he may have to switch his verbs.

All colonies and ships must be returned, is one of the other conditions of the peace which is to be imposed upon the Allies by Germany. In fact, Germany wants to be put back into the same position after the war as she was in before she started it. Doubtless the Allies will appreciate her point of view.

Salvation Army.

Public meetings, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 p. m.

COAL NOTICES

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that James McNulty, of Prince Rupert, occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island in the vicinity of West river.

Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES McNULTY.
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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 vicinity of West river.

Commencing from a post planted one mile south of the southwest corner of C. L. 9968; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOSEPH ROWAT,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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

Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN WILLIAM GOSS,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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.

Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

ROSLYN DUKE,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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

Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

OLIVER BROWN,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements.

"Dougall"; "Dougall Fraction," and "Waterfront" Mineral Claims, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the west side of head of Alice Arm.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Richard B. McGinnis, Free Miner's Certificate No. 11306, acting as agent for the Dolly Varden Mines Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 9311-C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a 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 24th day of April, A. D. 1917.
J. B. RICHARD B. MCGINNIS.

COAL NOTICES

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that William Dixon, of Victoria, B. C., occupation accountant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

WILLIAM DIXON,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Turner Rothwell Mullen, of Victoria, B. C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

TURNER ROTHWELL MULLEN,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Agnes Brown, of Victoria, B. C., occupation widow, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 10028; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, to point of commencement.

AGNES BROWN,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Edward Pickard, of Los Angeles, occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

EDWARD PICKARD,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that James Ray, of Victoria, B. C., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of C. L. 9968; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES RAY,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

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 vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

FREDERICK MOERSCH,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that John Booth, of Los Angeles, occupation contractor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river, commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN BOOTH,
March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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