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SATURDAY, MAY 27

## LANDLORDISM HAS COME

If some man after picturing the horrors and tyranny of landlordism in England or Ireland were to warn the people of British Columbia lest a like fate might overtake them, he would probably be laughed at. Yet the laugh might be on the laughers before the laughing is done with. Large as is this province, its area of arable land in accessible districts is limited. At the rate at which it has been gobbled up by speculators during the past four years, its end might be even safely forecasted into a rather surprising short length of time.

We have already reached a point where it is impossible for the bona fide settler to stake a pre-emption within reach of civilization. Already the settler has begun to pay tribute to the land-owning class. Already the land-owning class has commenced to place a tax on industry, and exact from the land an unearned increment. The evils of landlordism in England and in Ireland are already here in an uncomfortable degree.

The story of British farmers being driven from the lands of the British landlords, because the agricultural operations interfered with my lord's partridges and pheasants is received by us with amazement and indignation.

What difference is there between the case of the British farmer thus excluded from the land, and the settlers—would-be settlers—over on Graham Island for instance, who are driven from the lands to make way for the coal speculator?

Why raise our hands and voices in horror at the British duke who puts his ten square miles into a game preserve, and keeps silent while individual speculators stake hundreds of square miles as coal preserves?

If there actually were coal deposits or even discoveries on the huge tracts thus kept out of cultivation, the situation might be tolerated even at the cost of keeping the entire surface of the lands from settlement. In the present case, however, no discoveries are recorded; the entire surface of rich farming lands for hundreds of square miles is kept out of cultivation, to accommodate the plans of speculators who stake areas in the hope that someone will pay a good price for them in the belief or expectation that coal may be found.

Even in the case of farming lands, the policy of selling to speculators is an unsound one. It means that the speculators' profit is to be imposed as a tax on the bona fide settler, and on development. It retards development, and by making land difficult of purchase by the farmer tends to create a landlord class who will retain the title, and rack-rent the man who tills the land.

For the handing away of these lands from the public domain to swell the wealth of speculators, an enlightened public opinion will some day sweep away the men responsible for the policy. But even enlightened public opinion cannot recover the lands.

There has been no occasion to alienate the public domain from the ownership of the people of the province. On a Prince Rupert platform, the Premier of this Province has boasted that his government has on deposit a sum of \$8,000,000 in the banks. This is the price of selling off a domain worth incalculable millions to the people of the Province, and increasing in value every year. For the money, we have no use—it is on deposit in the banks. Divided up among us it comes to about \$30 a piece. It is for this we have sold our birth-right of publicly owned domain and natural wealth.

That statement of the eight million dollars on deposit in the banks—usually received with cheers and applause—is the crowning iniquity of the whole business. It is the sort of thing that deceives the ignorant. As though the trustee of an estate is justified by anything save poverty, and the inability to borrow on security, from sacrificing at bargain prices, the estate committed to his care and keeping.

It is not statesmanship which is satisfied to auction off the public domain, for the empty boast of being able to stand guard over a box of money.

H. F. McRAE

F. R. C. BROWN

## H. F. McRae &amp; Co.

Financial Agents

SECOND AVE.,  
PRINCE RUPERTBRANCH:  
VANCOUVER

## A FEW CHOICE OFFERINGS FROM OUR LIST

Lots	Block	Section	Price	Cash
23, 24	18	1	\$15,500	\$5,000
47	1	6	1,250	650
9, 10	12	6	1,575	800
31, 32	28	6	900 each	250
	1	7	625 each	100

We have one very choice buy in Section 1 which we cannot advertise—absolutely central—small cash. Also several close-in lots at \$25.00.

## Real Estate OFFERINGS

Lot 18, Block 20, section 1, price \$6300, terms.

House and Lot 8th Avenue, \$850.

Lots 24 and 25, block 7, section 6, price \$1050 each.

Lot on Fourth Ave., section 6, with fine harbor view, \$1300.

Two Lots on Ambrose Ave., \$400 each.

Two fine level Lots in section 7, \$50 cash and \$15 per month.

A new modern house with bath, on Dunsmuir Street, \$3000 with terms to suit purchaser.

## Farm Lands

Through our Hazelton office we offer farm lands and acreage at all points in the interior and adjoining prospective townships of the G. T. P. between Hazelton and Fort George.

2084 acres, Francois Lake at \$6.50 per acre; good terms.

Quarter section Lakelse Valley Land, with improvements, for \$15 per acre.

Section of Land adjoining Taylor at \$25.00 per acre.

Quarter section near Taylor at \$30.00 per acre.

80 acres within a mile of Taylor at \$16.50 per acre.

We can deliver acreage at all points along the G.T.P.R. adjoining prospective townships at from \$10 to \$25 per acre with good terms.

## —INSURANCE—

## McCaffery &amp; Gibbons

Prince Rupert and Hazelton

## LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

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Commencing at a post planted on the south bank of the Skeena River and about four miles from its confluence with the Skeena River, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated April 21, 1911. FRANK HICKS  
Pub. April 29.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5  
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Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey, Coast District, Range 5, thence 60 chains east, thence 60 chains north, thence 60 chains west, thence 60 chains south to point of commencement, containing 360 acres more or less.

Dated May 2, 1911. WILLIAM A. MCTAVISH  
Pub. May 6.

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