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TIME IS UP

In our issue of October 30th last we published an open letter directed to Wm Manson, M. P. P.

In this letter we asked him, as our representative, to "give a detailed account of the expenditures for public works" in Bella Coola in the past year, and we requested that he give an answer before December 16.

With this issue of the paper, the ample time given him for an opportunity to give an account of his stewardship is passed and we arrive at the conclusion that he will not do so.

It is but fair to state that, knowing something of the character of our representative, we never entertained any high hopes of his complying with our request. He well knows that a detailed account of these expenditures would reveal a profligacy and extravagance that would disgust even his strong supporters; therefore, he has decided that, even if there are suspicions abroad, that things are not as they ought to be, it is better to leave the people in doubt than to have their suspicions verified.

Our purpose in propounding the questions referred to, was not prompted altogether by a desire of placing our representative in a dilemma, but for the purpose of pointing out a way by which public expenditure could be better scrutinized. Under present political systems prevalent, not only in British Columbia, but in a great many states and provinces, it is very hard to keep adequate surveillance over the work of the many officials engaged in carrying out the work of the government. But under the lax system, utter indifference and probable connivance of our government it is almost im-

possible to find officials that will be scrupulous in their expenditure of the public money entrusted to their care. And it is for the purpose of finding a remedy for this evil that we asked for an accounting of the work in our community done under our immediate notice, in order that errors and extravagances might be pointed out and, as we believe, would result in considerable improvement in the future.

Reform in the direction of economy in public expenditures will be found very hard to inaugurate if each community is to be kept in the dark, or nearly so, of what is done in its midst.

In a country ruled by the people it is imperative that they be given this opportunity. It will have the effect of putting the public servants on their best behavior, because they know that their every act is watched and it will be hard to keep dubious transactions hidden.

If Mr. Manson is the honest man he is said to be, he will be willing to assist in bringing about economy in public affairs by giving publicity to the expenditures in each community. Let the war bring about strict economy in both private and public matters and the discipline the land is experiencing will bring about blessings, although they may be in disguise. —Bella Coola Courier.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Honorable William Manson must have been in a big hurry to reach Prince Rupert when he spent Christmas Day in getting here.

The Tories are looking to a shipbuilding raft to take them

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over all the shoals they have created in the past dozen years.

The public will be tickled to death to have the shipbuilding go ahead, but they have had enough of providing funds for the big corporations.

Now that the railroad stunt has been played to a finish in this province, it will be surprising if Mackenzie and Mann do not turn their attention to shipbuilding.

We need ships but we do not need Mackenzie and Mann to run them for us.

Let us have the ships by all means but for the sake of the province let the capitalists who are going to benefit do the financing themselves.

Premier Bowser has not yet decided as to whether we are to have by-elections or a general election. Political expediency and not the public welfare will decide.

LAND REGISTRY ACT
Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to Register Antonello Angelo, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as the owner in Fee-simple, under Tax Sale Deeds from the City of Prince Rupert, to Prince Rupert, to Antonello Angelo, bearing date the 7th day of September, A. D. 1915, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Municipality on or about the 9th day of September, 1914, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the City of Prince Rupert in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as—Lot Four (4), Block Forty-five (45); Lot Eight (8), Block Forty-seven (47); Lot Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36), Block Thirty-one (31). All in Section Eight (8), Map 923.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within forty-five days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Antonello Angelo as owner in fee.

Your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" and amendments, and especially to the following extract therefrom which relates to the above notice:

"And in default of a caveat or certificate of his pendency being filed before the registration as owner of the persons entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, or served with notice under subsection (6) of section 155 of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1906," or section 293 of the "Municipal Act," or section 139 of the "Assessment Act, 1905," or section 459 of the "Taxation Act," in cases in which notice under this Act is dispensed with as hereinafter provided, 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."

Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, this 23rd day of October, A. D. 1915.

H. F. MACLEOD, District Registrar.
 To Grand Trunk Pacific Dev. Co. Ltd.
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GERMANY AGAIN TRIES TO HIDE THE FACTS

Belgian documents made public in Washington, D. C., this month have done much to prove conclusively that Germany had endeavored to conceal the murder, rapine and devastation which followed her invasion of Belgium. In order that Belgium might not make known to the world the true conditions existing the German military authorities of the occupied sections have gone so far as to suppress Belgian papers and prohibit the publication of the real facts.

The real object of this work of suppression is said to be to keep from the outside world the industrial wreckage wrought by the Germans. This destruction of factories, removal of raw materials, exporting of food and diverting of factories to the use of the German army has left Belgium without support. It practically amounts to knocking the crutches from under a maimed man.

Belgium is destitute as a result. The Belgians remaining at home are without means of earning a livelihood, no matter how eager and willing they are to do so. Little wonder, when the Germans gaze about, they are loath to let the world know what they have done. Little children, helpless, some of them orphaned by the war, are starving and perishing in the cold, because they have no food and because their elders have no means of earning the money necessary to buy the food were it there to be purchased.

The Belgian Relief Committee is Germany's answer. This committee is the voice of humanity answering the murder of innocents. If the conqueror cannot be generous, Canada will be. Already the bags of flour, the cheques for \$2.50, are pouring in and through the Belgian Relief branch at Montreal, Canada will not let these victims of the German iron heel perish.

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