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THE CONSCRIPTION BILL LEAVES RICH MEN FREE

Ottawa, June 27.—There may be two opinions about what the Borden Government intends to do with the stuffed club called conscription. The machinery of delay and appeal is so elaborate that it almost defeats the alleged object of the Military Service Act—namely, the prompt reinforcement of the Canadian soldiers at the front.

If a conscript doesn't want to go he can string his protest along through three tribunals, the last being a central appeal judge, who will hold court at Ottawa. If the method works out as it does in ordinary civil cases where the parties fight it out right up to the Privy Council it may be for years, and it may be forever, before the reluctant conscript marches away to the war. In fact, the war may be over before his case is settled.

These artful provisions for procrastination would seem to show that the Borden Government is about as earnest for genuine conscription as it war for national service via the registration cards. What the Government is mainly concerned in winning is not the war, but an election. Confirmed pessimists say that the Government will pass conscription, have an election and, if they come back, forget all about it. This looks like carrying subterfuge a step too far and one doubts if any Government could be so deceitful. But there is no doubt that conscription is just as much a party manoeuvre as it is a national issue, if not more so. One of its prime objects is to pinch Quebec's tail so that the rest of Canada may mark, learn, and digest inwardly.

Quebec's tail, by the way, is composed of Henri Bourassa and Armand Lavergne, the chief allies of the Borden Government in the French province. It is a remarkable tale—this one I am telling—when the tail is pinched it howls. This is a strange thing for a tail to do. Not since Balaam's ass spoke have such prodigies happened. The conscription bill has been delayed on one excuse or another so that the tail-pinching could get into the newspapers.

Conscription would have a more

impartial aspect if a millionaire cabinet would sacrifice some of its bonds on the altar of patriotism instead of the children it lacks to send to the war. It would look more impartial, too, if it were not a lop-sided conscription which leaves money, industry, energy, talent and morals untouched. If a sentiment exists against conscription of men it has its root in the feeling that the last thing the Borden Government wants to do is to help the men at the front.

Conscription as it stands in the Military Service Act, today, is simply a means of putting the poor man under duress, while leaving the rich man free to continue his pillage. The predatory interests which put the Borden Government in office in 1914 are behind the Borden Government today. It is a safe guess that the Borden Government will do nothing to hurt their friends. On the contrary, they will do everything to give them another turn at the trough. And while Big Business plants its whole four feet in the will the Borden Government will wave the flag to divert attention. The people of Canada will do well to watch the hocus-pocus that goes on under the old flag.

Waiving the question of consulting the people first and passing conscription afterwards—in short a referendum—which would be the democratic way of doing things, Premier Borden's conscription is defective because it thinks of the soldiers as all in the fighting line in France. What about the soldiers who are in the fighting line here at home—the soldiers of toil? In this war the soldiers may be divided into two classes—the soldiers who dare and the soldiers who bear. The soldiers who dare are over in France—their quality is courage. The soldiers who bear are here in Canada—their quality is fortitude. In peace we would say that one quality was as good as another, but war may have given them different values. At all events the soldiers who bear have a tough fight. It is they who must bear the assaults of the food exploiters. It is they who realize that the high cost of living and giving their families enough to eat is as bitter a struggle as anything that goes on in Europe.

For the soldiers of toil, the soldiers who stay at home and



nothing could be done to reduce it. Potatoes in food-straitened England cost \$2.25 a bag. In Canada they are \$4.25 a bag. A four pound loaf made of Canadian flour that has paid freight across the ocean costs 23 cents in England. A three pound loaf costs 24 cents in Canada. Mr. Crothers says nothing can be done about it.

(2) The Minister of Finance, speaking for the Government, has rejected resolutions to reduce the tariff, to increase the British Preference, to take off the duty on agricultural implements.

(3) The Government hints at a curtailed franchise and open voting. The Junkers are not all in Germany.

(4) Bacon is now fifty-two cents a pound, and Joseph Wesley Flavell has been made a baronet.—H. F. Gadsby.

Salvation Army.

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

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 Illiance 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 \$507.50. 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. Jy 11
H. C. PHILLIPS.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements.

"Dougall," "Dougall Fractional," 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. 11386, acting as agent for the Holly Yarden Mines Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 931-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. Jy. 9.
RICHARD B. MCGINNIS.

"WATER ACT, 1914."

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

In the Matter of all Streams in the Hazelton and Fort Fraser Water Districts. A MEETING of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Hazelton on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Matter of all Streams in the Prince Rupert Water District.

A meeting of the Board of Investigation will be held at the Court-house at Prince Rupert on Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

At these meetings all statements of claim to water privileges under Acts passed before the 12th day of March, 1909, on any of these streams, all objections thereto, and the plans prepared for the use of the said Board, will then be open for inspection.

All persons interested are entitled to examine these, and to file objections thereto in writing if they deem fit.

Objections will be heard forthwith if the party objected to has received sufficient notice of the objection.

The Board at the said meetings will hear the claimants, will determine the quantity of water which may be used under each record, and the further works which are necessary for such use, and will set dates for the filing of plans of such works and for the commencement and completion of such works.

And whereas there may be persons who, before the 12th day of March, 1909, were holders of water records on the said streams and yet have not filed statements of their claims with the Board of Investigation, such persons are required to file, on or before the 15th day of July, 1917, a statement, as required by section 294 of the "Water Act, 1914." The forms (No. 50 for irrigation and No. 51 for other purposes) may be obtained from any Government Agent in the Province.

The claims of riparian proprietors who have filed, as required by section 6 of the "Water Act, 1914," statements of claim to waters of any of the said streams will be heard at the same times and places.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of June, 1917.

For the Board of Investigation,
J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.

LAND ACT

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE FIVE.

Take notice that we, Gosse Millerd Packing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, occupation cannerymen, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 117; thence south 5 chains to low water mark; thence north-westerly 22 chains following low water mark; thence north 5 chains to the Grand Trunk Pacific right-of-way; thence south westerly 22 chains following said right-of-way to the place of beginning and containing 11 acres.

GOSSE MILLERD PACKING COMPANY LIMITED, 214 April 2nd, 1917. J. Fred Ritchie, agent.

LAND LEASE NOTICE

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skidegate, B. C., occupation engineer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of T. L. Lot 835, Allford Bay, Skidegate. Inlet, thence west 20 chains, thence north 3 chains, thence 25 chains in an easterly and southerly direction following shore line, thence west 2 chains to point of commencement, containing 10 acres more or less. A 30. June 19th, 1917. GEORGE MCRAE.



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