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## REVELATIONS

The report of the cost of living commissioner has produced a great wave of disgust all over the country. Everyone knows that the price of foodstuffs has gone away up out of proportion to the costs of production. The farmer who produces the food in the first place did not get the increase. This report shows that the profits of the two leading companies in the food combine in the one article of bacon alone in the year 1916 totalled \$6,500,000; \$5,000,000 for the one and \$1,500,000 for the other.

Those two companies handled 140,000,000 pounds out of the 151,000,000 pounds sold by all the cold storage dealers in Canada, the business of the Flavell company alone accounting for 100,000,000 lbs. The total Canadian export of bacon was 169,000,000 pounds, to which the company headed by Sir Joseph Flavell contributed 95,000,000 lbs. The margin of profit was 5.05 cents per pound, an increase of 1.38 cents per pound, or nearly 38 per cent. over the profit of 1915, which in the case of this company alone in that year amounted to \$2,200,000. The Flavell company operates eighty stores and the other one to which special reference is made, forty.

It is hardly necessary to say that the enormous increase in the bacon business of these two companies from 1914 to 1916 was due to war orders. In 1914 their output in this commodity was 23,000,000 lbs., the profits averaging a little over three cents per pound. This jumped to 90,000,000 lbs. in 1915, when the margin of profit was 3.67 cents. In the next year, as already stated, the business amounted to 140,000,000 pounds, with an equally large increase in the price.

The commissioner points out that there is no evidence of correspondingly increased storage or other costs. "Possibly," he says, "no more striking example of a monopoly of any one commodity can be cited from the records of any country supplying the Allies with food." It is a clear case of food profiteering on a gigantic scale; of greed fatten-

ing on the agony of the country for the cause of which brave men are dying and suffering on the battlefield in thousands.

But bacon is only one of numerous commodities controlled by this combine. According to the cost of living commissioner the trust also made a good thing out of eggs. We may assume that it lost nothing on any of its other products. The bacon figures show that it is not troubled by qualms of conscience. It would be doubly interesting and instructive to learn what its aggregate profits were, what it actually made out of the dire emergency of the country in which it flourishes and its allies.

"And how much did the treasury of Canada receive out of those millions of super-profits?" is very pertinently asked by the Victoria Times. "How much did that war tax of Sir Thomas White's take from the company of his friend and political ally, that staunch bulwark of Toronto Toryism, Sir Joseph Flavell?"

It continues: "W. S. Middleboro, one of the Ontario members, read a list in Parliament the other day to show how 'drastically' the finance minister was dealing with profiteers, so drastically, in fact, that he feared the Government's course might injure our poor, little 'infant industries.' He showed that the company of which Sir Joseph Flavell is the head contributed \$109,000 from its profits for the year ending March, 1915, and said that on that basis the company in 1917 would pay \$265,485. Think of it! A little over a quarter of a million dollars out of a profit which in bacon alone was \$5,000,000 in the year 1916!"

"A more striking example of a monopoly of any one commodity cannot be cited from the records of any country supplying the Allies with food," says the Commissioner. What reproach and humiliation are embodied in that revelation, what a stigma upon this country's reputation, already tarnished before the world by uncontrolled greed and corruption! Do these food speculators and war profiteers know



what is meant by the call to sacrifice? Have they no soul above profits? Has gross materialism deadened them altogether to the instincts of true patriotism? And what of the Government? It was placed in power by the interests in which Sir Joseph Flavell and his confederates are the shining lights. Sir Thomas White is the special champion of trusts and combines. What relief can be expected from those politicians who, even while they talked glibly of National Service, thrift and economy, higher patriotism and so forth, must have known of the orgy of profiteering that was going on, for through their influence the meat combine entered upon its picnic? Was it for this that the head of the meat trust was made Chairman of the Munitions Board and then a baronet?"

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## Navigable Waters Protection Act.

R. S. C. Chapter 115.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company hereby gives notice that it has, under Section 7 of the said Act, deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry Office, District of Prince Rupert, at Prince Rupert, a description of the site and plan of wharf and fish curing plant and other works proposed to be built in Prince Rupert harbor at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, in front of Waterfront Block "I," according to registered plan of the townsite of the said City of Prince Rupert registered in the aforesaid land registry office as No. 923, Section 7.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will, under Section 7 of the said Act, apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa for approval of the said site and plan and for leave to construct the said works.

DATED at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, this 15th day of June, A.D. 1917.  
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For Queen Charlotte Islands.  
10 p.m. July 18th, August 1st, 15th and 29th.

From Queen Charlotte Islands  
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For—Wednesdays, 10 p.m.

From—Saturdays, p.m.

Alaska and Yukon Territory.

For—Mondays, 7 a.m.

From—Saturdays, p.m.

## CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over a small island in the harbor of Prince Rupert, known as Lot 5466, Range 5, Coast District, by reason of a notice appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of the 21st April, 1910, and dated 19th April, 1910, is cancelled for the purpose of making a sale of the said Lot to the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company, Limited.  
GEO. R. NADEN, Deputy Minister of Lands, Department of Lands, Victoria, B. C., 18th June, 1917. M. Aug. 20.

## LAND ACT

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE FIVE.

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

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

## "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.

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