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LEADERSHIP

It is no more than the truth to say, remarks the Victoria Times, that the Brightest feature of the election that is about to be held is that in all probability it will eliminate from the leadership of this country one who, whatever may be his other qualities, has shown himself to be utterly lacking in the qualifications his position demands. Such elimination will be necessary, not only that Canada will do her full duty in the struggle, but that indeed, she shall not fall into chaos.

When the war began Sir Robert Borden, pliant in the hands of Mr. Rogers, chose to make Canada's share in it a party affair. It was to be used as the basis of a triumphant election campaign. The declaration of war was scarcely cold when arrangements were made for a snap appeal to the electorate. Powerful outside influences intervened and the scheme was shelved. Six months later another start for an election was made. Ballots for the soldiers were printed and sent to Europe. Bill-boards for election posters were engaged. Mr. Rogers announced the opening of the campaign speech in Montreal. The second battle of Ypres and the Duke of Connaught frustrated the plot. Later another political drive had to be abandoned mainly through outside pressure.

Thus, instead of inviting the co-operation of his political opponents and the ablest men of the country outside Parliament as he should have done, Sir Robert, at the instigation of Rogers was setting the stage for a political campaign. Subsidary to this patronage ran riot; profiteering was rampant and still continues to be; commissions in the army were dispensed by political organizations and even nurses were selected by political pull.

The second Canadian Division was delayed months because there was a dispute in the cabinet over the awarding of contracts for motor transport trucks. Canadian troops were supplied with Ross rifles for eighteen months after that weapon was found to be useless for active service. Even

the National Service campaign became a political movement. Sir Thomas Tait resigned, and the direction of the campaign was entrusted to a board consisting mainly of political organizers with complete failure as the inevitable result. In England this country's military disorganization became an Empire-wide scandal, and the Auditor-General had to go there to straighten things out. There were 5,000 officials in the Records Office alone—about 4,500 more than were necessary. Even the hospitals service had to become the subject of a special inquiry by commission.

All these and many more unfortunate developments—including the mess made of voluntary recruiting, which was held up last spring at the behest of certain big interests—were due to weak leadership. What would a strong leader have done if one had taken Sir Robert's place when the war began? First, he would have secured the co-operation of the foremost men of the other side of politics as well as able men not in public life, retiring Bob Rogers and a number of his colleagues. He would have nationalized the munitions industry and stopped profiteering, instead of handing over the country's machine shops to private corporations to make millions out of. He would have sent grafters to jail. He would have adopted the British system of taxation, under which those who have the most pay the most in the financing of the war. He would have taken steps to promote agricultural production under Government direction and to stop speculation in food prices. He would have taken the army out of politics and made ability and character the sole qualifications for commissions and promotions.

It was not difficult to do these things, not for a leader of courage and resolution. But Sir Robert was temperamentally unqualified for the post, as unqualified as Sir Hibbert Tupper, for instance, in his own party, was qualified. He did not realize that he was the leader of a country at war. He remembered only that he was the leader of a political party,

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whose councils were dominated by a discredited politician in the person of Rogers, whom Sir Robert even took to the Imperial Conference as a specimen Canadian statesman!

The purpose of Western Liberals is first and foremost to try to bring about the leadership the country needs: to free the Dominion from the control of the interests, political and otherwise, which are handicapping its efforts in the war and profiting from its extremity. They seek to make Canada at home worthy of Canada at the front, to bring about the utilization of her fullest resources, human and material, for war purposes. This is a laudable platform on which there is room for Conservatives as well as Liberals who put country before party. In the light of the record of the last three years how could the Western Liberals accomplish this by serving under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden?

Province of British Columbia

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
NOTICE

Re Overdue Payments on Applications to Purchase Crown Lands in British Columbia. NOTICE is hereby given that, under the provisions of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act," any person who did not apply under the "Soldiers' Homestead Act, 1916," to complete his application to purchase, either by payment in full or by the selection of a proportionate allotment, may, by proving his interest and paying up in full the balance of the purchase price and taxes before the 31st December, 1917, obtain a Crown Grant if proof satisfactory to the Minister of Lands is furnished that such person is suffering injury through absence of notice or otherwise.

And further that the interest in uncompleted applications to purchase held by any person on Active Service may be protected by notification to the Lands Department of the fact that such person is on Active Service and by the filing of proof of the interest of such person.

Further information will be furnished on request to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C.

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MINERAL ACT

(R. S. B. C. 1911).

Holly Fraction, Birch, Crocus Fraction, and Plum mineral claims situate in the Queen Charlotte District, located at or near Ikeda Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia, lawfully held by Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability).

TAKE NOTICE that I, John A. MacInnes, Solicitor for Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability) Free Miner's Certificate No. 15485C intend, after the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof to apply on behalf of the said Company to the Mining Recorder of the said District for a Certificate of Improvements for each of the above claims for the purpose of obtaining crown grant thereof.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that action under Section 85 of the Mineral Act must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 12th day of June, A.D. 1917.
J. A. MacInnes,
Solicitor for Ikeda Mines Limited (Non Personal Liability). S10.

"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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