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THE NEEDS OF THE WEST

In the campaign for increased production which the present Government has been engaged in, since the world shortage of foodstuffs impressed this necessity upon the people of Canada, as upon peoples of other countries, there are many aids to this increase in production, which lie to the hand of the Government. So far but little aid has been accorded to the producer by this Government which is calling for more production. One of the greatest aids to production, and cheap production, and increased production, is that the implements and agencies of production should reach the producer as cheaply as possible. At the present moment there is a scarcity of labor in Canada and, therefore, every labor-saving device that can be utilized is of the utmost importance. In the farming communities a tractor and a gang plough of the latest pattern will do the same work as two or more of the older fashioned ploughs. Therefore, in times like these, with the whole world calling for the utmost the farmers can produce, the most modern labor-saving tractors and gang ploughs are necessary for the farmers.

Likewise on this coast, where the fishing industry is one of the chiefest in importance, it is necessary that the fisherman can equip himself with suitable gear in the pursuit of his calling as cheaply as possible. When the Royal Commission was here the other week, very strong evidence was placed before it as to the necessity of power boats for the fishermen. Gas boats are a necessity to the fisherman of this generation. And in order that the industry may be encouraged, there should be no impediment placed in the way of the proper equipment of the men who are responsible for the gathering of the harvests of the sea.

It is the same with the mining industry. Modern mining demands the extensive use of machinery of various kinds. The logging industry is in the same position. Where modern machinery will replace manpower, which is at a premium, it is in the interests of the na-

tion and of the world that such machinery be utilized.

Farming, fishing, logging and mining are four industries which are inseparable from the development of the West. These are the staple industries of Western Canada. It is to the advantage of Canada as a whole and of the Western provinces particularly, that these industries be prosecuted to their fullest extent. The demand for the product of these four industries was never greater than it is at the present time. The whole world is calling for food, in the shape of farm produce and fish. Lumber of all kinds was never in greater demand, and the production of mineral never in the world's history has been of greater importance.

In view of these considerations, therefore, it would be expected that every encouragement would be given to these industries, which are so vital to the welfare of the Dominion. The more particularly where such could be most easily given by the Government of the country. But in each case, these basic industries are handicapped by a customs tax, which constitutes an intolerable burden upon those most interested in the development of the natural resources of the country. There is a heavy duty levied upon the importation of farm implements, such as tractors and ploughs. The same exists as regards gasoline engines, fishing lines, cordage, swivels, and many other goods used in the fishing industry, while the machinery required for mining and logging have to bear an equal handicap. Were this duty levied for the purposes of revenue merely, the collection of this impost would be a minor consideration. But it is frankly a protective duty. That is, it protects the manufacturer at the expense of the consumer. It means that the producing provinces of the West are imposed upon to the extent of this customs duty for the benefit of the manufacturing provinces of the East.

These protective duties were not intended to act in this fashion. They were originally intended to protect the infant manufacturing industries from

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the fuller developed manufacturing industries competing from other countries. But now that the Canadian manufacturers are definitely established, and can compete on equal terms, particularly with the manufacturers of the United States, their goods are not sold in Canada much, if any, cheaper than their foreign competitors'. In addition to their ordinary manufacturing profit, they soak the Canadian consumer the amount of the duty as well. When it is remembered that in some cases, this duty is as much as 33 1-3 per cent., it will be understood why the manufacturers of Canada are so averse to any lowering of the present tariff.

A reduction in the present tariffs is one of the things which the Liberal convention pledged itself at Winnipeg last week. It was recognized as one

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 LEASE NOTICE

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skeena, 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, Alford Bay, Skeena 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.

of the fundamental factors contributing to cheap production. The whole world calls for the very utmost that can be produced in every line. The present Conservative Government have done nothing in the direction of helping the producer. Representing the manufacturers and the big interests this is the very last thing they would think about. Nevertheless, this is a legitimate demand, which concerns the well being of the Western provinces. If the Government refuses to take any action in the interests of the West, which they are supposed to represent, as well as the interests of the remainder of Canada, there is only one thing to do. That is to change the Government.

Every Canadian who has his own welfare and the welfare of the Dominion of Canada as a whole at heart will see to it that a Government is returned to Ottawa at the impending election which will have the interests of the Dominion as its first care, and not merely those of that section who are at present able to call the tune, for which the people of the West have got to pay the piper.

LAND ACT

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 5.

TAKE NOTICE that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company of Winnipeg, Manitoba, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the most northerly point of Lot 507 at or about high-water mark, thence northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly, following the sinuosities of the shore-line to a point of commencement, including all that foreshore between high-water and low-water. Dated July 20th, 1917. S. 815 THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY CO., H. H. HANSARD, Solicitor.



TIMBER SALE X 1018.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands not later than noon on the 22nd day of September, 1917, for the purchase of Licence X 1018, to cut 6,833,000 feet of Spruce, Balsam and Hemlock on an area situated on Link Lake, Range 3, Coast District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C. S22

TIMBER SALE X 1019.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands not later than noon on the 27th day of August, 1917, for the purchase of Licence X 1019, to cut 1,115,000 feet of Spruce, Balsam and Hemlock on an area adjoining Lot 505, Range 2, Coast District, situated on Kildala River.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C. A25

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.

IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISTIE GIBSON (DECEASED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim upon the Estate of the late Christie Gibson who died on or about the 8th day of November, A. D. 1916, while on active service overseas, are required to send to J. H. McMullin, Official Administrator for the county of Athol, on or before the 30th day of September, 1917, a full statement of their claims, or any security held by them, duly verified, and after that date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been filed with him. DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 12th day of July, A. D. 1917.

J. H. McMULLIN, Official Administrator. S14

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