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ELECTIONS

At the present moment there are about twenty-five vacant chairs in the Dominion House of Commons in Ottawa. These vacancies have arisen from various causes—death, loss of seats on account of graft, profiteering and corrupt practices, acceptance of vacancies in the Senate, and so forth—and of course, in the meantime, these various constituencies are unrepresented in the Dominion Parliament. Many of the supporters of the present Borden Government have been elevated to permanent places in the Upper Chamber, but never a by-election has been held since the beginning of the war. To even take a chance upon the continuance of disapproval of the present Government by the electors, which undoubtedly would have happened, was far too risky a thing.

According to the terms of Confederation, representation of the people in the Dominion House is governed by the population of the different provinces. As far back as 1911, when the last census was taken, it was found that the increase in population in the four Western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia since 1901 was so great that a redistribution of seats giving them the relative representation which was their right, was a necessity. Altogether, twenty more seats on the basis of population, would have to be provided for the Western Provinces, in order that they might be equally represented in the councils of the Dominion. That was the state of affairs discovered in the year 1911, and since that time, the four Western Provinces have been short of just that number of votes in the House of Commons.

True, a measure providing for the redistribution of seats was passed by the Government, but it has never been given effect to yet, owing to certain circumstances, which are still familiar to those who have taken an interest in Parliamentary procedure in the Dominion since that time. So between the vacancies that have

occurred in the House, and the under-representation of the West, the House of Commons is about forty-five votes short of what it ought to be.

The Borden Government has now a majority in the House, but so fearful it was of the continuance of that majority, it doesn't risk bringing it down. The Minister of Elections keeps his ear fairly close to the ground. So from the point of view of the Government, it would have been an unwise thing for their own safety to have filled up the vacancies. Of course, it did not matter that the people in these particular constituencies were disenfranchised in the meantime. Such considerations weigh lightly with the reactionaries. They are the more concerned for their own continuance in office than that the will of the people should be even consulted.

If the Borden Government felt that it possessed the confidence of the people, it would have seen to it that these vacancies were filled up at the earliest possible moment. The principles of democracy demand such action. But no! The principles of democracy may be all very well as "good election dope," but when it comes down to cases, the Borden Government takes another thought. Why imperil their existence for the mere principles of democracy? They were too busy winning the war to permit of such distraction as a by-election.

To win the war is the first consideration, but that is not incompatible with the holding of an election. Take the example of the Mother of Parliaments. Great Britain has an equal interest in winning the war as has Canada, but there, whenever a vacancy occurs in the British House of Commons, an election is held immediately, and every constituency is fully represented. The late Premier Asquith himself tested the confidence of the people in his administration, when he ran in a by-election nearly two years ago. And only last week, Premier Lloyd George intimated that if the Labor men showed their dissatisfaction with his administration by their action,

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he was prepared to appeal to the country. But the war will be won, just the same.

The Borden Government is well aware that it has forfeited the confidence of the people of Canada. It has been found out. That is the reason of its desire for another extension of the life of Parliament. Another year in power would look good to them right now, because they know well that the electors of Canada would give them no extension. With representation equalized by the election of the twenty new members from the Western Provinces, and the filling of the twenty-five vacant seats, they are fearful of the result. And from their record of the past six years, they may well be fearful.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserve existing over a small land in the harbor of Prince Rupert, known as Lot 1466, Range 5, Coast District, by reason of a notice appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of the 21st April, 1916, and dated 19th April, 1916, 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., 19th June, 1917. M. AUG. 20.

LAND LEASE NOTICE

SKEENA LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George McRae, of Skeedgate, B. C., occupation engineer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:— Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of T. L. Lot 835, Allford Bay, Skeedgate Inlet, thence west 20 chains, thence north 2 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.

MAIL SCHEDULE

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From the East.
Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p. m.
For Vancouver.
Monday 7 a. m.
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Saturdays 7 a. m. & 4 p. m.

From Vancouver.
Sundays 11 p. m.
Mondays 9 a. m.
Wednesdays 6:30 a. m.
Fridays 9 a. m.

For Anyox.
Sundays 10 p. m.
Fridays 10 a. m. & 8 p. m.

From Anyox.
Sundays, a. m.; Tuesdays, p. m. and Saturdays, a. m.

or Port Simpson and Naas River.
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For Queen Charlotte Islands.
10 p. m. July 18th, August 1st, 5th and 29th.

From Queen Charlotte Islands
July 22nd, August 5th, 19th; September 2nd.

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For—Wednesdays, 10 p. m.
From—Saturdays, p. m.

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From—Saturdays, p. m.



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 2, 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. A22

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 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). N10

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. McMullen, Official Administrator for the county of Atlin, 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.
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J. H. McMULLEN,
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