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LAND POLICY OF PROVINCE IS DISCUSSED

Ottawa Paper Deals Editorially With Efforts to Get Rid of Speculators in This Province.

The Ottawa Citizen of recent date has a column of editorial comment on the land policy of the British Columbia Government which gives an idea how outsiders view the efforts which are being made by the Minister of Lands to deal with the vacant lands of the province and particularly in relation to the lands held for speculative purposes. It is headed British Columbia's Example and is as follows:

"British Columbia is conscientiously engaged in getting rid of idle land speculation in the province. Premier John Oliver is putting into effect the cleaning-up policy, determined upon after the late premier, H. C. Brewster, formed the new provincial government.

"The British Columbia minister of lands, T. D. Patullo, recently explained the government's policy with regard to land settlement. British Columbia apparently recognizes that one of the first steps towards assisting Canadian returned soldiers to settle on the land must be to free the large tracts of desirable land, at present withheld from use by speculators and idle landholding corporations. The minister of lands gave an indication of the provincial government's policy as follows:

The Policy.

"These large tracts of lands alienated by speculators are all being appraised and the owners required to list them for sale. If they refuse to sell at the appraised value they will be required to do settlement duties, in default of which they will be subject to a super tax which will in time become so burdensome that they will soon be compelled either to use the lands or allow them to be returned to the government, to be sold to bonafide settlers."

This eminently sane and just method of restoring the land to productive use should do much to commend the province of British Columbia to the men of the Canadian overseas forces who desire to make homes for themselves by their own industry under fair conditions.

The last Conservative Government in British Columbia left the province heavily in debt, with practically all the valuable natural resources handed over to absentee landlordism. Several years ago M. B. Cotsworth, F. G. S., an experienced British statistician gave the evidence of millions of acres of British Columbia resources, withheld from use by speculating syndicates, controlled, as he stated, from Seattle, Portland, Spokane, San Francisco, Chicago, New York; also London, Berlin, Paris and other European centres of finance.

Owned by Ex-Kaiser.

Lately the federal authorities in the United States, tracing up the operations of a German-

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT. R. S. C. CHAPTER 145.

The Port Edward Fisheries Limited hereby gives notice that they have, 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, District of Prince Rupert, at Prince Rupert, B. C., a description of the site and the plans of a cannery and wharf proposed to be built situate on portion of Porpoise Harbor at Port Edward, B. C., in front of part of Lot 4475, Range 5, Coast District.

And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Port Edward Fisheries Limited 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 plans and for leave to construct the said cannery and wharf.

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American syndicate, have uncovered the fact that thousands of acres of Canadian lands were owned by Kaiser Wilhelm. More than a year after the beginning of the war, it is claimed, the Kaiser's properties in Canada were transferred to American agents as nominal holders. The properties are described as follows:

Fifteen valuable timber tracts on the Pacific coast; a large number of mineral lands, both in operation and undeveloped, located in the interior of Canada; fourteen timber tracts on Vancouver Island which the Canadian Government had wished to buy to complete the Strathcona Park reserve; a block of timber lands reaching from the Canadian Pacific coast far into the interior and worth approximately \$9,000,000.

Some of this information will not be new to readers of The Citizen. It has been discussed periodically during the war, without finding any Canadian Government authority as keen to extirpate German vested interests in land idleness, as it has been to pass orders to draft strikers and extirpate other troublesome workers.

According to information understood to be in the possession of the United States bureau of investigation and war intelligence agents, the Canadian land transactions for the Kaiser were originally carried out under the company name of "Alvo von Alvensleben, Limited," with headquarters at Vancouver, and branch offices at Victoria. M. B. Cotsworth's pamphlets, "The Crisis in B. C.—An Appeal for Investigation," stated plainly, more than three years ago, that Fleishhacker Bros. & Johnson, San Francisco, held 79,999 acres of pulpwood land in British Columbia. He published this information from the official records, and added that "the German firm of Fleishhacker Bros. of San Francisco, along with Alvo von Alvensleben, control vastly more than the 80,000 acres here recorded, (Continued on Page 5.)

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