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PRIMIER CLIVER DISCUSSES POLICY OF GOVERNMENT AND DEFENDS HIS OWN ACTIONS

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of the government toward the returned soldier and the land problem, the Premier said if the soldiers could not get good treatment from the Liberals, heaven only knew where they could. While he did not agree with everything suggested by returned men, that was no reason they should not have fair treatment and equal opportunity. He said that only the other day he spent some hours with a delegation of returned men! and they had not agreed upon a solitary thing.

Referred to P. G. E. Hon. Mr. Oliver introduced the P. G. E. situation by saying that the Canadian Northern was fortunate that the company's books were in Toronto, where the government could not seize them. Had they been available here "we would have given you another P. G. E., but they got away with the goods," he remarked. He told of the P. G. E. investigation, of which committee Hon. Mr. Farris had been the chairman. "And even Bowser, the man who was guilty, had to vote for the report," he said.

"And now another scandal is handle the problem through the brewing," he said. "They say Pat Soldiers' Settlement Board. Of got away with something. I'll soldiers' pensions, the premier make all the explanations neces- said they were totally inadequate sary at the right time and in the and he said he told the federal right place. Mr. Bowser says he authorities the pensions made wants an investigation by a select him "ashamed to own up he was committee. He'll have no oppo- a Canadian." He was opposed to sition from me. I shall aid him doing public works which would all I can. I am willing to go him not be productive for this would one better to make it satisfactory be aggravating a grave danger to to the people of this province. the financial position of the coun-You will recall a select committee try. of two years ago. Before that committee D'Arcy Tate swore he got \$6,250,000 worth of the capital shares which had not cost him a cent. He also got \$500,000 and swore it was his duty to take care of the campaign fund of the Con- bor and overhead expenses it has servative party. Mr. Bowser on been necessary for us to increase the stand swore to 'tell the whole our charges to one dollar and truth and nothing but the truth' twenty-five cents per hour from and then said, when he was asked 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with time and about this, 'I don't propose to one-half for overtime until 12 answer any questions.'

"Now," the Premier continued, p. m. 'I am not here under the shelter; of privilege and I say Bowser foreswore himself. He took an oath to tell the whole truth. How would you like it, if I swore to tell the whole truth in this other investigation and I answered 'I refuse to answer.' I do not dread, nor fear, nor shall I shirk any inquiry. I will stand a most rearching investigation. I have laid the yard. For prices and informamatter before His Honor and said tion regarding it see Albert & I am prepared to meet this in- McCaffery. vestigation. Mr. Bowser does not need to wait. He can have an enquiry any time he wants it."

With further reference to the P. G. E. the premier said he would be glad to unload it if he could do it in the public interest. He had taken up with the government at Ottawa the taking over of the P. G. E. by the federal authorities and pointed to the advantages of connecting this line with the Peace River district and the prairies. Of the final settlement by which the government took the P. G. E. over, he said a stiff fight had been made against him but he had made the best settlement he could. With regard to construction progress he said he was told he could not get the line through to Clinton for \$40,000. It had cost \$16,000. The line had been extended thirty miles and he expected to extend it a hundred miles more next year.

Pensions Inadequate.

The labor situation called for attention from him and he said a public utilities measure would be brought up. A danger of the future, he said, was industrial war. He was not taking sides, but there were two sides to every question and several sides to many. There was a trying time lahead for Canada and ingenuity would be taxed to grapple with it. It was no time for promotion of selfish interests. As to the returned soldier problem, the Federal Government had to await parliamentary authority to grapple with it. At the conference of premiers he advised that the government policy be put in force immediately and authority sought afterward. Thousands of soldiers wanted to get land but the federal Government wasn't ready. It had no power to accept crown lands from this province though there was land here ready to hand over. The provincial government did not want to place soldiers on the land now because the federal governormed to the self are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is limited to the land now because the federal governormed and now the grant to purpose the propo would be taxed to grapple with it. land now because the federal government wished no duplication or overlapping and was preparing to

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