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Why Not Pay Men Their Wages?

Under the laws of British Columbia the claims of the Crown come ahead of everything when a firm is unable to pay its debts. Which means that workmen cannot collect their wages until the claims of the Government are satisfied. Which means that a large number of workmen are unable to collect back wages for a good deal of work done in this district. Which means that the law in this case as in many others is a "hass."

Of course we must all obey the law. And of course if the law is wrong we must do wrong. But why not make the law right? There is certainly no justifiable reason for keeping it wrong. The Provincial Government has a great deal to do and a good many wrong things to set right, but this is one that should be remedied at once. It is unthinkable that workmen who have worked hard for their wages should be left stranded because the claims of the Government come ahead of theirs. In Prince Rupert there are a lot of men who worked for the Charlotte Islands Spruce Products Limited and other firms. These firms owed the Government a lot of stumpage dues and other monies. They also owed large sums in wages. Owing to the Government claims coming first, the men have had to do without their wages and in some cases they probably will get nothing unless the Government overrides the law and pays them what is owing to them.

Workingmen Have Reason to Be Sore.

Just put yourself in the place of the workingmen and see how you would feel! You have no resources except the wages you earn. You live from day to day, and when you have finished a piece of work you expect to be paid. Because you are living far from civilization you do not go out and cash your pay checks, preferring to have all the money at once when the work is completed. The time comes when you are laid off and you go out with your slip of colored paper in your hand feeling that you have your wages. On arrival at the bank the teller turns it back to you, stating that there are no funds, which means that your check is not worth the paper it is written on. This check would be good eventually were it not that the claims of the Government, perfectly legal claims, come ahead of yours. This should be changed.

Labor to Back Up Efforts of Statesmen.

An effort is to be made by representatives of the larger nations to have a cessation of competition in armaments. President Harding invited the powers to meet in Washington, and now it is being arranged that the efforts of the President shall be backed up by the labor organizations of the countries interested. We know of no effort the labor leaders could make which is more worthy than the one they have undertaken. It is to be hoped that in each of the countries chiefly interested there will be such a demonstration as will make it clear to the party in power that the people as a whole want disarmament.

Keeping Only Just Within the Law.

Premier Meighen is keeping only just within the law in appealing to the people of the country without first passing a redistribution measure. The British North America Act, which is the written part of the constitution of Canada, states that a census shall be taken every ten years and that after the taking of the census a redistribution measure shall be passed giving the different provinces representation according to their population in comparison with Quebec.

The census has been taken and enough results have been seen to make it clear to Premier Meighen that if he waited for redistribution his well beloved Ontario would lose some of her prestige and he would lose some of his power. With unseemly haste he rushes in and announces that, although he has waited for years, he can wait no longer without appealing to the people on the revision of the tariff with the object of increasing it very considerably. He dismisses half of his cabinet and replaces them with new men, some previously unknown to most people in Canada. He announces that Parliament will be dissolved at once and an election will take place before the new year. Had he waited two months he could have had a redistribution, but that would have given an advantage to the enemy, and heaven knows the enemy is strong enough already. He must turn this shady trick in order to gain political advantage, and the people think he is smart for doing it. His followers gloat over it. Unhappily political morality is something almost unknown in Canada or Mr. Meighen could not do anything like that. The people would not stand for it.

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RUPERT DOGS WON AT WESTMINSTER SHOW LAST WEEK

A. Greenwood Enters Three and Gets Several First Prizes—Scottish Terrier and Airedales.

A. Greenwood, the local dog fancier, sent three dogs to the New Westminster Exhibition last week and won five first prizes, one second, one third and three specials.

"Ruminantly Refrain," the female Scottish terrier, won first in open competition and was awarded a special for the best Scottish terrier in the show.

"Bradford Oorang," an Airedale puppy dog, was entered in both junior classes, puppy and novice, and won first prize in each. "Bradford Surprise," his sister, which was nearly killed by an automobile in the spring, won first in the puppy class, first in the novice, second in limit and third in open. This female captured both special prizes for best male or female in puppy and novice classes.

The Airedale puppies were born in Prince Rupert in February and went up against much older dogs at New Westminster. Mr. Greenwood received a big offer for "Ruminantly Refrain" but refused to part with her at the present time.

Aunt Jemima's Helpful Hints

Some of you probably do not know Aunt Jemima. If you read this column regularly you will soon get to know her. She is a woman that knows a whole lot and that is what a whole lot of women know or think they know. But Aunt Jemima is different. If you have any questions to ask her send them in. She takes an interest in everybody and everything. In a quiet way she has been giving advice around town and now she is going to answer questions through this paper. Here are answers to one or two questions she has recently received:

Maud—Your sweetheart's writing shows modesty in his using the small "i" for a personal pronoun. He is also probably absent-minded in trying to dot his "i's" and to cross his "t's." You should tell him to use a pen or something when writing, as it is easier to read.

Dear Aunt Jemima: Which I am 52 years old and in love with a nice widow lady but she won't marry me unless I raise whiskers. So I have raised a big beard and mustache, but it is black, while my hair on my head is nearly white. Why is this?
 Yours truly,
 BILLIAM B. GORRY.

Answer—The reason, Mr. B. Gorry, is probably your whiskers are a half a century younger than the hair of your head.

Funny how coincidences will happen, isn't it? Here is another letter to Aunt Jemima, also about whiskers. Jake Binks, of this city, writes: "I am keeping company with a widow lady which wrote telling me I must give up my whiskers. When I appeared close shaved, she chased me away with a kettle of hot water. Then I found out she meant 'whiskey' instead of 'whiskers.' What shall I do to win her love back? She is good looking and makes fine brew."

Aunt Jemima's advice is that you call again with false whiskers. Tell her she might have failed to recognize you the other time.

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NEW YORK TO HAVE PLENTY OF NEW PLAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Last spring the New York producers were viewing the theatrical situation through dark blue spectacles. We were given the impression that everybody connected with the theatrical business was headed for the bread line. The prospects for the coming season were declared to be as poor as a country parson who is struggling to maintain a flivver and nine children on his regular stipend. The Actors' Equity became fussy and George M. Cohan threw up his hands. "I quit," he announced. "I will produce no more shows." And everybody immediately called him Foxy George. Cohan sees the hard times ahead and merely intends to stay out of the game until things brighten up," it was declared. Other producers were said to be planning to follow George's lead and it was seriously predicted that half of the Broadway houses would be dark this season.

And now with the season of 1921 barely commenced there is not the slightest indication of the predicted dearth of shows. On the contrary. At the time of writing there are running thirteen comedies—well, more or less comedies—twelve serious plays, nine musical shows, three revivals, and six survivals. In addition, half a dozen are budding. Therefore it is apparent that this season is not likely to differ essentially from any other New York season. A few good plays will be given to the public, also a few bad plays, and a great number of merely so-so plays. A few producers will make money and a good many will lose money while the public will walk up and pay it's money just about as usual.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

Minimum price of first-class and second-class to be \$250 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emption abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emption with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 1/2 acre before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation more than 2 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted a temporary certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$50 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of \$100 per acre, including 2 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record under pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads, title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 40 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber lands, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased, conditions include payment of stumpage.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for this under the Act is extended from five years from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the great war. This relating is also made retrospective.

No fees relative to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 28, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from installment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS

Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase. Conditions include fulfillment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING

Grazing Act, 1918, for systematic development of livestock industry provided for grazing districts and range administration under Commission.

Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged, priority for established owners. Stock owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for settlers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

"POOR old Ireland. Now that the elections are on she finds it terribly difficult to get into the headlines."

"THIS opening of campaigns is getting a bit monotonous. Suppose we rise now and declare the campaign open and forbid any one else opening it again."

"OLD John Oliver has lumbago. Better that than be like some politicians who have not backbone enough to have lumbago in."

"IT is easy enough for Meighen to appoint ministers from Quebec province, but the next thing will be to elect them. Ah, there's the rub!"

"IF only there was a little light ahead!" sighed Premier Meighen.

"IF only the farmers and I could see alike!" sighed Mackenzie King.

"IF only those labor men were not so boisterous!" sighed Cregar.

"IF only there were no politicians!" sighed the voters.

"IF only they would just get on with that street surfacing," sighed Mayor Rochester.

ONE GOOD AND ONE BAD IN WAY MEIGHEN FILLING HIS CABINET

A southern gentleman who had a valued negro butler thought he detected a peculiar taste to his coffee one morning.

"Washington," he asked, "did you put an egg in the coffee this morning?"

"Suah, sah, suah, Ah suddenly put in two aigs," responded Washington.

"Two eggs? Why, Washington, one egg is quite sufficient."

"But, sah, dat fust aig sho'ly was bad, sah."

"Good heavens, why did you put in a good egg after a bad one? Don't you know—"

"Doan't trouble yo'self, sah; it am all right, sah. Dat's de way Premier Meighen am fix up his cabinet, sah."

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