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CALIFORNIA BOOM OVERDID ITSELF

Rush was an Episode and Many People Will Yet Return

It is officially stated that 34,152 Canadians have returned from the United States during the last eight months, says the Edmonton Bulletin. Most of them no doubt went south in the rush that was precipitated by the boom in California a year or so ago. They are not, it is to be suspected, coming back because they made the millions they hoped to make, but because they didn't. In fact there is room to surmise that this official figure does not include a pretty sizable army which rode the bumpers or came on foot and neglected to record their arrivals at the immigration offices.

The California boom was based on scenery, sunshine and sentiment. The crop of war-made millionaires in the United States wanted homes in that sunny land, and the business of laying out town sites, erecting houses, and starting business communities where none had before existed, attracted thousands of people who hoped to pick up fortunes from the spendings of the rich seekers of luxurious ease. Like most booms the thing overdid itself, and the migrants are now trickling back home with heads full of experience but pockets not correspondingly bulging with cash.

The California rush was an episode. It did not, as a 2000 many seemed to think, threaten the depopulation of the Dominion. Many of those who went would have gone sooner or later anyway. The rest will get back home whenever the travelling is good enough. The moral for those who stayed is that a job in hand is worth more than a trunk full of gold at the end of the rainbow.



CHARLES JONES in "WESTERN LUCK" WILLIAM FOX production

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Claims of Indians to Ownership of Lands Discussed; According to Law All Titles Are in Crown

(By C. Harrison.)

Every one at all familiar with the facts knows that the area of the reserves in this province is out of all proportion to the number of Indians for whom the Dominion Government holds them in trust. All of these reserves are valuable tracts of land and some of them are the most valuable in the province. By allowing these lands to remain uncultivated and idle is neither profitable to the Indians themselves nor to the country in which they live. If they do not wish to utilize the lands they now control, why do they clamour for more? They are not acting on

I may be asked how do these people obtain the Indians' money? From personal knowledge I know that subscription lists have been opened in most of the Indian villages on this coast and hundreds of dollars have been subscribed to defend the Indians in their plea that they are the rightful owners of this province generally.

British or Not

R. E. Gosnell puts the matter plainly when he says "that the Indians are either British subjects or they are not. If they are British subjects they come under British law, and that law does not recognize any such title to lands as the Indians are setting up. If they are not British subjects and the Crown has no title to the land they remain an independent people. It is a fundamental principle of British law that the title of all land is invested in the Crown. If the Indians are therefore subjects they must hold their land under the Crown and cannot hold it by any other title. We have taken possession of the country; our possession has been recognized by all the nations of the earth, but we find in the country an aboriginal race. We are therefore bound by every instinct of humanity to deal generously with that race. They have not been treated badly, indeed they have been used exceedingly well and have been interfered with as little as possible. But present conditions cannot continue as the inexorable advance of civilization makes that impossible. While therefore we deny their right to the land which they cannot occupy to any beneficial extent and purpose, we admit in the fullest degree their right to liberal treatment and trust that it will be accorded them."

The upshot of the whole matter is that we are asked to look upon the Indians as the owners of these lands, whereas there never was among themselves anything approaching ownership. There was only occupation and consequently an Indian had no land to sell.

Compensate Indians

The Hudson's Bay Company at Massett formerly bought about half an acre of land from two Indian chiefs, yet at the present moment it is contended that these two Indians had no right to sell any of their land, and this half acre is now included in the map of Indian reservation. I however, fully agree with the suggestion made by the department of Indian Affairs on December 13, 1911, that "it would be

very much to the interest of intending white settlers to compensate the individual Indian interested in their abandoned or partly abandoned houses and clearings when such houses and clearings are found on lands over which a pre-emption record has been issued." This is nothing but right and fair, as the Indian should be compensated for the amount of work he has done, but to pay him for the wild and uncultivated land is another matter entirely.

Suppose any man came to terms with the Indians for the purchase of land outside of the bounds of their reservations, and suppose another man should apply through the regular channels and finally obtain a Crown Grant from the Crown for this same piece of land, which party would be entitled to it? Will any of my readers contend that the man who bought from the Indian would be the owner? Certainly not. If the Indian as well as the Crown had the right to sell these lands, then there must be two distinct powers in British Columbia which is not a feasible and logical position of affairs. If the Indians can thus dispose of land they can hardly do so by having jurisdiction over the land, and consequently they must have their own Native Land Laws and be able to hold it against all comers. As sensible people we know they have no such jurisdiction, otherwise they would then be enabled to ignore the jurisdiction of our Provincial Courts.

Suggested by Whites

As I have before stated no reasonable individual in British Columbia desires to deal unfairly and harshly with the Indians, but as for their claims of ownership of all the country, I have very much doubt if the Indians would ever have thought of it if it had not been first suggested to them by the whites.

(Editor's Note.—This is the tenth of a series of articles on the Queen Charlotte Islands by

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GENERAL STATEMENT

29th NOVEMBER, 1924

LIABILITIES		
Capital Stock Paid up	\$20,400,000.00	\$20,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,143,806.70	
Balance of P. a/c carried forward	21,543,806.70	
Dividends Unclaimed	7,814.01	
Dividend No. 149 at 12 per cent. per annum, payable 1st December, 1924	612,000.00	
Bonus of 2% per share 1st Dec. 1924	408,000.00	
	22,571,620.91	
Deposits not bearing interest	\$123,537,341.85	\$42,971,620.91
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	338,291,427.71	
Total Deposits	461,828,769.56	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	29,821,936.74	
Balance due to other Banks in Canada	824,925.99	
Balance due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	11,158,911.64	
Bills Payable	5,884,277.65	
Letters of Credit Outstanding	509,519,821.49	
	31,298,066.69	
	\$581,789,509.09	
ASSETS		
Current Coin	16,881,608.11	
Dominion Notes	34,739,446.00	
United States and other Foreign Currencies	27,543,159.79	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	11,909.00	
	89,961,243.81	
Notes of other Canadian Banks	8,961,243.81	
Chances on other Banks	3,000,799.55	
Balance due to other Banks in Canada	25,656,809.28	
Balance due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	28,501.40	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	38,797,188.34	
Canadian Municipal Securities and British Foreign and Colonial Public Securities, other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	53,039,825.09	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	25,634,914.13	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	17,677,562.02	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	16,454,174.21	
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts)	17,797,476.79	\$278,024,739.88
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts)	148,499,585.15	
Non-Current Loans, estimated loss provided for	196,747,117.44	
	1,978,117.24	
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	257,225,355.84	
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	13,359,717.92	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	1,068,250.84	
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	47,530.69	
Share of Profits of Companies Controlled	31,296,006.69	
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	289,501.40	
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	1,020,000.00	
	465,317.94	
	\$581,789,509.09	

NOTE.—The Royal Bank of Canada (France) has been incorporated under the laws of France to conduct the business of the Bank in Paris. As the entire capital stock of the Royal Bank of Canada (France) is owned by The Royal Bank of Canada, the assets and liabilities of the former are included in the above General Statement.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have examined the above statement of Liabilities and Assets at 29th November, 1924 with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have verified the cash and securities at Head Office, at the close of the Bank's fiscal year and during the year we counted the cash and examined the securities at several of the important branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank as at 29th November 1924, and it is shown by the books of the Bank.

W. GARTH THOMSON, C.A.,
Auditor,
at Marwick, Mitchell and Co.
A. B. BRODIE, C.A.,
of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Montreal, Canada, 26th December, 1924.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1923	\$1,085,830.67	
Profit for the year, after deducting charges of management	408,000.00	
Accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	3,878,976.23	
	\$4,964,806.90	
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividends Nos. 146, 147, 148 and 149, at 12% per annum	\$2,448,000.00	
Bonus of 2 per cent. to Shareholders	408,000.00	
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00	
Appropriation for Bank Premises	400,000.00	
Reserve for Dominion Government Taxes, including War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	465,000.00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	1,143,806.90	
	\$4,964,806.90	

H. S. HOLT, President
Montreal, 4th December, 1924.

C. E. NEILL, General Manager

Mr. Harrison. The eleventh, also dealing with Indian land matters, will appear in an early issue.

BOAT ARRIVALS

C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. D. Donald, which arrived in port from the south yesterday afternoon, left Vancouver with 43 passengers for Powell River, 47 for Ocean Falls, 40 for Prince Rupert and a few for Anxox and Stewart.

Arriving here were: For Prince Rupert—W. Gillespie, Vic Menzies, Mr. and Mrs. Weber, W. C. Ellis (Prince George), Miss Jean Ross, Miss F. Alcheson, W. H. L. Norris and G. A. Kenny (Smithers), H. J. Bradbury, Alex. Abrams, F. B. Goodenough (Inverness), R. Gammon, Capt. E. McGoskrie, A. W. Collins, A. Swanson, T. Reilly (Terrace), Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Johnstone, J. M. Boss (Burns Lake), C. O. Bell, R. Love and R. Millman (St. Thomas, Ont.), George Derrington, J. P. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. William Loverell and child (Burns Lake), D. F. Davidson, Nick Murchie, Miss Thorp, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Turner, Rev. Arthur Barner (Hazelton), Mrs. Barner, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Phillipson, Mrs. P. McGregor (Burns Lake), D. Taylor, D. A. Cardow, S. Sumbury, A. Richmond and John W. Morrison.

For Stewart—William Sloan, For Anxox—J. M. Hoekin, N. A. Elliott, D. G. Scott, P. W. Long, H. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Simmons, A. C. H. Gerhardt, A. Berry, T. Tavener, D. A. McPhail and J. Kendall.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Prince Rupert
N. Murchie, D. C. Scott and D. G. Davidson, Vancouver; James H. Blake, Victoria; Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Turner, city; S. Sunbury, et.

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