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Eastern Member of Parliament Rises to Defence of Stork as Brady Attacks Him in Commons

"My honorable friend, Mr. Brady," has stated that his predecessor fell down in his duty as a representative because he failed to present the facts as they existed," stated A. E. McLean, M.P. for Prince County, Prince Edward Island, in the House of Commons at Ottawa after the local member had spoken in the budget debate. "The late member for Skeena was a very highly respected member of this House and we should like to hear the particular matters which he failed to present to the House."

After explaining to the House how the word budget was derived and indulging in other preliminaries, Mr. Brady spoke in part as follows:

It may seem strange to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and to the government as a body that although last year's budget was pronounced to be a great success, although Canada had enjoyed a year of great prosperity and substantial reductions were made in taxation, although an elevator was built by the government in the city of Prince Rupert and by all common logic it would seem that the constituency of Skeena should have returned to this House a government supporter, yet it did not do so. It may seem ingratitude on the part of the electors not to return to parliament a Liberal member because Prince Rupert was held in such affectionate regard by the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who looked with fond eyes upon its birth and pledged almost his political destiny that that port should be developed. My predecessor, I am sorry to say, is more to blame for my presence here than perhaps any act of mine during the last federal campaign. I tell the government today that I was sent here to do what he failed to do, to present facts, not fancies, to the government for their consideration.. I think it is the duty of a member of parliament, Mr. Speaker, to represent, not a section of the people, but all the people; to be honest and straightforward in his presentation of matters political, and neither to exaggerate nor to minimize conditions as they exist in his constituency. My predecessor did not present to the government the facts as they existed. According to him, everything was well in the land of Skeena. Everything was flourishing, and the people were basking under the beneficent influence of the government. From Atlin in the north to Ocean Falls in the south Skeena was a land, according to him, where everything was well. It is a great land, Mr. Speaker. It is rich beyond the bounds of imagination, but I say to this House tonight that the aspirations of its people, their wants and their legitimate demands, were not presented to the government in order that the conditions under which they were suffering might be ameliorated. When men come from contact with reality, and very often tragic reality, they are apt to have small patience with the ordinary conventions of speech which are sometimes used to conceal the truth. The peoples representative should be a representative of all classes, of all occupations and of all interests, and he should voice the aspirations of the people before the tribunal of parliament, the highest and the greatest tribunal in a democratic country. But, Mr. Speaker, when we see in that land, endowed with all the riches of nature, whole countrysides in a stagnant and moribund condition, when we see men and women struggling for a living under conditions that are perhaps too severe, we are looking at sights that should not be seen in Canada today.

WHY HE'S THERE

Coming to my own constituency, by way of supplement to what I said regarding the reason for my being here, let me read a very short extract from the Province of September 17, 1926. This is a telegram sent by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Premier of British Columbia. After thanking Mr. Oliver for his congratulations on the result of the federal campaign, the right hon. Prime Minister said: "I will look to see British Columbia come gradually into line."

If I now read a quotation from the Daily News of Prince Rupert of the tenth of this month, I think the House will agree with me that the hopes of the government appear to be bright and rosy. The late member for Skeena on this particular occasion, in addressing a public meeting, said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that I am still the member for Skeena. The only difference is that I draw no salary and am priviliged to stay at home and enjoy my family."

NOT ENVIOUS

Is there any other constituency in Canada today that has the great privilege of being represented by two members, one in the House on the opposition side, pleading the cause of that constituency, and one at home, the real member, who has the interests of the constituency at heart? I give to him whatever honor he deserves, and I add this, that if through his instrumentality the dream of Sir Wilfrid Laurier comes true and the port of Prince Rupert develops into one of the great ocean ports of the world, I shall not feel in the least envious. If my predecessor is still the member for Skeena, then surely this House as well as myself can support him in his demands for better transportation and greater development. And if, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) declares, Skeena is to come into the fold, supposing that thereby the development of Skeena and the happiness of the people who live there will be furthered, I offer no objection.

I am not here tonight to advance any adverse criticism. I do not blame the government for the fact that settlers today, in the most fertile valleys of the world, are suffering untold hardships through lack of the things they need. It is an old grievance. I do affirm, however, that it is the duty of the government to listen to the voice of a representative who submits to them matter for thought, and who states the facts, which they can easily verify as it is their duty to do.

I come now to the constituency which I represent. An hon. member asked me why it was that my predecessor was not here today. I can reply to him convincingly: the electorate of that constituency by their vote on September 14 gave the answer, namely, that he was not satisfactory to them because he was not placing their needs as they ought to be placed before the government of the country. You need go no further than that. If I thought for one moment that in coming to this House I might in any way interfere with the laudable ambitions and the future prosperity of Skeena I would not be here. I feel that the government of the country is endowed with a wisdom, or at least a judgment sufficiently grounded, to enable it to rise above party politics and to view Canada's needs in a non-partisan, national spirit.

I want to bring to the attention of the government now a few points in connection with the harbor of Prince Rupert and generally of the riding I represent. As this House knows, in 1911 Sir Wilfrid Laurier visited that port, taking a deep interest in its development. He prophesied that one day Prince Rupert would become one of the ocean ports of the world. Tonight, it seems to me, this prophecy is well on the road to being fulfilled. Today the port of Rupert is an ocean port, and before the next few months will have passed, over fifty tramp steamers from Britain and the Orient will have loaded grain for every port in Europe, and for the Orient as well, at the local elevator. This, Mr. Speaker, is the thing I would like to dwell on for a few minutes. I believe there were many members in this House who did not believe it was advisable that an elevator should be built in Prince Rupert. No one should find fault with a man if his convictions are honest and if he believes that it is not advisable to put a large sum of money into an elevator or into a new railway line. But now that the elevator is a success, now that it is functioning to the extent of one hundred per cent, now that wheat from Alberta is flowing into it steadily, the government must undertake to see to it that that port continues to function and to develop, not for the sake of Rupert but for the sake of Canada and the development of Canadian ports. In that port we have wonderful facilities of all descriptions for an ocean-going trade. When the port of Montreal and the great lakes were frozen up and scores of steamers were ice-locked round the Christmas season, there were at the port of Prince Rupert —which never in the memory of man has been ice-bound, and I believe never will—five or six vessels ready to take grain to the Orient or the Old Country. I would ask the government to remember that it is their duty now to interest capital in continuing the work that they commenced, and that other elevators should be built as well as the present one. For Prince Rupert is the natural outlet to the Peace River country. Rupert is 480 miles nearer the Orient than any other port of Canada, and as the Orient is annually increasing its imports of wheat, the evidence is conclusive that that port will become a great ocean port. But there is one thing, Mr. Speaker, I would urge the government to consider it is this: The development of the hinterland of Prince Rupert has been sadly neglected. The transportation facilities are of the very worst. The great Bulkley Valley, which produced that timothy seed that won, I believe, the first prize at the Chicago exhibition, lies in the very place where today people find access to the market for their products very difficult. I shall read a few words from a statement by the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia regarding the hinterland of Prince Rupert, to which I am going to refer for a few minutes: "A dominion within British Columbia," is how the Hon. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, described the interior of central British Columbia after taking a trip through it in the fall of this year. His words were: "I was amazed at the vastness of the rolling country. It is wonderful mixed farming country, and the settlers are of the type that go to make a wonderful land."

FRANCOIS LAKE

Would you believe that for five years the people of Francois Lake and the Ootsa Lake country, one of the most fertile, one of the most beautiful and one of the richest both in its soil and in its mineral production, have asked this government to put in a little spur line of eight miles that would open up two thousand miles of country where a thousand British families could live in peace and comfort? The people of this country consider, perhaps unjustly, that the government of Canada are more concerned in building up hotels for the tourist trade than providing the necessary facilities to get their goods cheaper to market. I do not believe the government are as hard-hearted as that. I believe that the government, when these matters are placed before them, will be willing to do what is right, namely, give those people these facilities which will permit of the development of a fine type of settler. In the north country of Atlin, where we have thirty-two producing mines, what do I find? An immense area, rich in its soil and in its mineral production, with thirty-two placer properties, including hydraulics, and a great prospect of further development. What assistance has this country received from the federal government for the last twelve months? None, except an increase in the postmaster's salary, although its people have for years asked federal aid through the provincial members and their federal member that they might get a very necessary thing—simply a road that would enable them to bring in their goods and not have to pay a rate of $65 a ton as they are paying today. It is no wonder that men turn aside and lose faith in government when governments seem to be heedless of their wants. We have likewise in the south of that constituency a great valley rich in resources and in population; but what do we find? The same thing prevails there. The people there, just because there is no road, pay $60 a ton to bring their food supplies into the valley. Therefore I would urge the government to consider the advisability

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

NOTICE
Application for Grazing Permits for the Season of 1927.

Application for permits to graze livestock on the Crown ranges within any grazing district of the Province of British Columbia, must be filed with the District Forester at Fort George, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, or Williams Lake on or before March 31st, 1927.

Blank forms upon which to submit applications may be obtained from the District Foresters at the above named places, or from the Department of Lands at Victoria, B.C.

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands.
Department of Lands,
Victoria, B.C.,
January 4, 1927.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO TO LEASE LAND

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on the north shore of Crescent Inlet, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, in the Province of British Columbia, and being about one and a half miles from the head of the Inlet.

TAKE NOTICE that James Field, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation Marine Broker, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Crescent Inlet, about one and a half miles from the head of the Inlet; thence northwesterly 20 chains; thence southwesterly 20 chains; thence southeasterly 20 chains; thence northeasterly 20 chains, and containing forty (40) acres, more or less.

JAMES FIELD,
Applicant.
Dated November 27, 1926.

MINERAL ACT

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS
NOTICE

Juanita, Anyox, Granby, Alamo, Rodeo, Pinto, Wann Fractional No. 2, and Monte Fractional Mineral Claims, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located:—On Wann River, Taku Arm of Tagish Lake.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles V. Bob, Free Miner's Certificate No. 89768, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 86, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 1st day of January, A.D. 1927
H. McN. FRASER, Agent.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Arthur Robertson, Massett, B.C., occupation Millman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at northeast corner of Lot 1965, Q.C.I. District; thence south fifty chains; thence east forty chains; thence north to shore; thence following highwater mark to point of commencement, containing one hundred acres, more or less.

Located this 30th day of December, 1926.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON.

LAND ACT

Skeena Land District, District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

TAKE NOTICE that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over 640 acres of land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Section 36, Township 3, Graham Island, and marked "A.J.G.'s southwest corner"; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to point of commencement, being Section 36, Township 3, Graham Island, B.C.

A. J. GORDON,
Locator.
Dated December 17, 1926.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 28 of the "Mineral Act," notice is hereby given Messrs. Malcolm Smyth, Edmund Langis, Harold Hansen and Albert Moore, that there is owing o the undersigned for Assessment Work performed on the Cordilla Group of Mineral Claims, Princess Royal Island, Skeena Mining Division, the sum of $393.88, and that unless said persons pay their proportionate share of the cost of such Assessment, together with all costs of advertising, etc., to the undersigned at Butedale, B.C., on or before May 12, 1927, application will be made to the Gold Commissioner, Prince Rupert, B.C., to have their respective interests in the herein mentioned Mining Group of Mineral Claims vested in the undersigned.

DAVID CORDILLA.
JACOB KOSKI.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO TO PURCHASE LAND

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on the north shore of the South Arm of Tasoo Harbor, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, Province of British Columbia.

TAKE NOTICE that James Field, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation Marine Broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of South Arm of Tasoo Harbor, Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands, in the Province of British Columbia, about 5 chains from the end of the Government trail; thence 10 chains northeasterly; thence 10 chains northwesterly; thence 10 chains southwesterly; thence 10 chains southeasterly, and containing twenty (20) acres, more or less.

JAMES FIELD,
Applicant.
Dated November 29, 1926.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE FORESHORE

In Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Island Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate at Ferguson Bay, Massett Inlet, Graham Island.

TAKE NOTICE that Powell River Company Limited of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Manufacturers, intend to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of D.L. 1571; thence westerly, following northern boundary of said Lot to the northwest corner of said Lot; thence westerly, northerly and easterly, following the high tide mark of Ferguson Bay to the extreme easterly point of Echinus Point; thence southeasterly to the point of commencement, and containing 150 acres, more or less.

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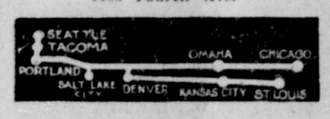

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