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THE LAND POLICY OF NEW ZEALAND

In an interesting interview with the editor of the Toronto Globe, the Hon. Dr. Finlay, Minister of Justice of the Government of New Zealand, who with the Prime Minister, Sir Jos. Ward, was then on his way to the Conference of the Colonial Premiers in London, gave some interesting information regarding the solving of the vexed land question in New Zealand.

With only a limited area, and with private estates of 200,000 acres devoted to sheep raising and supporting only a few shepherds, the situation grew up akin to that in Britain.

The Government "reclaimed" much of the land, leased it to small farmers, loaned capital upon it, provided needed facilities, and conveniences, and in the end disproved every argument of the obstructionist by showing wide spread prosperity and trebled land values. One-sixth of all New Zealand is now held by the Crown and will not be sold, but only leased in small holdings at reasonable rentals and revalued after sixty-six years.

Absolutely and in every particular our land policy has been justified, said Dr. Finlay, and he did not refuse to refrain of the campaign song of the British radicals, "God made the land for the people."

The policy of the Government of New Zealand, as Dr. Finlay describes it, is very different from that of British Columbia. "The policy of our Government," says Dr. Finlay, "is not to delay Legislation until unrest here, or clamor there, or the pressure of half instructed public opinion yonder, crowds us into action. Our plan is to lead. There came a time when it was plain that New Zealand was face to face with a crisis. Things could not go on as they had been going, without revolt and re-action. The ideal was received of what kind of place New Zealand ought to be and it has been the aim of our policy to work steadily and determinedly towards that ideal. . . . We have sixty million acres and one million people, and our purpose is to make each of those acres yield the utmost good for the people, and to secure to each of those people access to all the opportunities which life in New Zealand affords."

Access to opportunity, as Dr. Finlay understood it, meant access to the land as source of wealth, access to education free and efficient as essential to the right use of opportunity; access to wholesome conditions of labor and just reward; access to justice, such as gives the poorest seamstress as fair a chance before the court as the wealthiest corporation; access to capital at moderate rates of interest and easy terms of payment; access to all the conveniences provided by railways, telegraphs, telephones, and other public services at the minimum cost to the state, and access to insurance against accidents and a pension for old age.

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Probably nearly two millions of dollars will be spent this year on development work at the Hidden Creek Mines, Goose Bay, by the Granby Consolidated Mining Company of Grand Forks and Phenix, B. C.

Mr. H. MacDonald, superintendent of the mines of the Hidden Creek mines, says the Granby Company have acquired sole rights of the property and next year may see the erection of a gigantic smelter at a place to be decided upon.

Several hundreds of men will be employed at Hidden Creek and work will be continued all through the winter.

FIRE FIGHTER

New Assistant Fire Chief Has Arrived

Mr. Dan Macdonald, the newly appointed assistant fire chief of the local department, arrived here on Saturday from Rossland, B. C., where he was in a similar position for some years.

Mr. Macdonald has already commenced his duties here.

At the Fountain

Ice Cream Cones 5c, Ice Cream Sodas 10c, Sundaes 15c and 20c, Ice Cream 25c pint, 50c quart.—C. H. Orme, Pioneer Druggist, Phone 82.



All members of the I.O.O.F. (visiting Brethren included) are earnestly requested to meet at the hall on Tuesday, July 4th at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of having a photograph taken. Immediately after this the installation of newly elected officers will take place.
C. E. JOHNSON, N.G.
H. H. MORTON, Rec.-Sec.

LOOKS AFTER NEW WHARVES

Mr. James Trodden, Superintendent for the Dominion Government Here. Visiting Islands and Stewart.

Mr. James Trodden, Dominion Government Superintendent of Wharves, arrived by the Princess May Thursday afternoon, and is taking up the work which brings him here, that is the superintendence of initial steps in the construction of wharves provided for by Government appropriations at Naden Harbor, Massett, Porcher Island, Kincolith, Lockport, and additions at Digby Island this afternoon, also the Marine Station there. He leaves shortly for Porcher Island where the position of the wharf has to be finally settled. The appropriation for Porcher Island is \$3,500, Naden Harbor \$5,000, Massett \$5,000, Kincolith \$3,500, Lockport \$3,200, and for the additions at Stewart \$4,500.

This morning Mr. Trodden had a stroll down by the Provincial Government wharf at the foot of McBride street. He is evidently interested in the pile-and-a-half process of Provincial Government Wharf construction.

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BISHOP BACK IN CITY

Has Just Finished an Up River Trip in Interests of Church

Bishop Du Vernet has returned from his trip up river where he has been attending to the interests of his diocese for some weeks. He brings accounts of general development in these parts and growing population requiring increase of ministerial services. Church interests in the district are being cared for with all the men and means at disposal in the district.

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