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**Criticism of Crown Lands Department by Robert Gerrie.**

Robert Gericke has addressed the following open letter to Hon. G. W. Ross, criticizing the administration of the Department of Crown Lands:

Hon. E. J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Lands, calling his attention to the gross perversion of justice on the part of his department in dealing with mining locations at A 20, Sultana Island, Lake of the Woods, as shown in the findings and awards of the Hon. Mr. Gibson, late Commissioner—and

appealing to him for redress and relief for my daughter, Mrs. Johnstone, the only legal claimant of the location by virtue of her survey, priority of registration and the due observance of the regulations required in the Ontario Mines Act—as clearly set forth in said letter, and as established by evidence in the Commissioner's Court.

Conrad also Gibson's judgment was utterly at variance with the evidence and facts—that sitting on a case in which his law partner, Mr. Osborne, had an interest (proofs of which are in my possession), and in giving a decision practically in favor of political partisans and business associates. Mr. Gibson violated every principle of British justice and rendered his indigna-

mere farce—the whole procedure constituting such a prostitution of justice as would not be tolerated in any British or Canadian court. Further, that in jarracking out the location (to which Mrs. Johns one is legally entitled), the late Commissioner set law and evidence at defiance, and had the audacity to award his friends the lion's share, actually giving them hands for which they had

You will, sir, also doubtless remember that the Commissioner's associates, who were benefited by this gross wrong, perpetrated upon, and at the expense of, Mrs. Johnstone, have no legal standing as claimants whatever, being merely the assignees of the Ontario Mining Company, whose

claim the Privy Council has lately dismissed with costs.

Mr. Gibson, not satisfied with confiscating the bulk of the property of the lawfully claimant, in his present position as Attorney-General, still dominates the Department of Crown Lands, and has no scruple in dictating to Mrs. Johnstone how she is to dispose of the one-sixth interest awarded

her, using all kinds of threats to force her into a mining company to be controlled by his friends, and so organized that they will have little or no trouble in squeezing out the small interest left Mrs. Johns' one.

speedily developed, and contends that, as friends have already spent considerable money in the Lake of the Woods—so far undoubtedly they are entitled to special consideration. Ignoring the sound maxim of being "just before you are generous," he now magnanimously proposes to enrich them at the expense of the rightful claimant.

I am aware, sir, that many will find it hard to believe that such a deplorable state of things could exist in Canada. But when it is remembered that the Commissioner I invested with judicial powers, and that his decisions, however unjust they may be, are not subject to review by the courts—that he is necessarily a political partisan, and too often an unscrupulous politician—it is

In your reply to my letter, setting out the above facts, you say that you have spoken to the Attorney-General with regard to this matter, and that he does not think my letter calls for any special reply. That is to say, you have gone over the serious and important question of our rights as Attorneys

specific address made against you, Secretary-General, when acting as Commissioner of Crown Lands, with the Attorney-General himself—and, strange to say, the accused sees nothing in them. That means the party impeached sees nothing amiss, and consequently, you are satisfied that everything is all right, the enquiry is ended, and your Attorney-General is declared immaculate. Is this a nodion to be taken by the

first minister of the Crown, upon whom rests the responsibility of good, clean, honest government, when one of his colleagues is charged with malfeasance, to which no reply has been nor can be made successfully?

Your reputation for sterling worth and honesty of purpose, which preceded your accession to power, warrants me in believing

ing that you will hardly allow same to be jeopardized by party cliques and political exigencies, and I trust you will probe those charges to the bottom—"hewing to the flint" and letting the chips fall as they may."

In conclusion, I would ask you in the name of common justice to give this matter a fair and impartial investigation, and afford Mrs. Johnstone such relief and redress as may be deemed proper.

dress as the nature of the case warrants. I would also specially ask you to interpose in her behalf, and protect her interests as regards the mining company which the department is seeking to force upon her with the object already referred to. Compending the whole case to your early and serious consideration, I am, sir, your obedient servant.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27, Robert Gericke.

**FOUND DEAD IN BED.**

**Cause of Richard Moore's Death**  
**Will Be Enquired Into.**

Richard Moore, a blacksmith living

Richard Moore, a blacksmith, living at 89 Cherry-street, was found dead in his bedroom early on Wednesday morning by members of his family. He was in fairly good health on Tuesday except for a slight cough, and retired without showing signs of serious illness. He died at 8 o'clock yesterday.

ment. Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday, one of the family went to call him and found deceased lying on his bed, dead and partly dressed. Dr. Noble was sent for, and, on arriving, found that Moore had been dead for some time. Death, is attributed to an internal hemorrhage. Coroner Young has issued a warrant for an inquest to be

**BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE.**  
For Six Months the Total Figures for  
Canada Were \$18,026,615.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The revenue of Canada for the six months ending to-day is more than for the whole twelve months in the year 1895. The revenue for the year 1895 was \$17,887,269, whereas for the six months of the present fiscal year ending December 31

it was \$18,026,615. As compared with the same period of 1901-2 the revenue shows a gain of \$2,161,923. Comparing December, 1902, with December, 1901, there was an increase of \$398,854.

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**Sidelight on History.**

From The Baltimore Herald.

Job, who in Biblical days was esteemed the most patient of men, tho reviled and abused in his afflictions, still retained his meek patience.

Finally his friends consulted among themselves, saying:

"Eureka!"—or the Hebraic to that effect—"let us get him to put a telephone in his house, and then start calling him up at unpropitious hours."

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**Constable Klippert Dead.**  
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