Something Strange About the 250,000 Acres of Western Lands Being Offered at Auction--Saskatoon and Westetn Land Co.'s Lands Not Subject T. to Being Taxed.

claim it was not even that,

Edward James to Angus McDougall,

scretary of the school district at

Verna, Sask., who endeavored to

collect taxes explains the position of

he company and shows how it holds

Dear Sir,-In reply to your letter

ay that, as we wrote you on the

The government allows this com-

aying off the government lien, but

acquire these lands on paying the

government as each quarter section

(Sgd.) EDWARD JAMES, Sec.

A. Anderson, justice of the peace at

ney general's department at Regina for a ruling. The deputy minister re-

plied bearing out the contention that

it had to pay no taxes. Here is his

With reference to your letter of the

23rd ult., enclosing correspondence

with the Saskatoon & Western Land

pondence I return herewith as re-

sue them in court when it would be

necessary for the school district to

consider carefully the questions in-

volved before taking action though on

This letter was turned over to

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

s disposed of.

ingus McDougall, Esq., Sec.-Treas. L.I.D., 11-R-2,

The advertisement is such an un- ern Land Co. was started, David usual one that it has started men all over the country talking, has set moter—a great personal friend of them thinking and has aroused their Hon. W. Pugsley by the way and a suspicion. Who is the Saskatoon and business associate in many enterland? Why are they offering at this three million acres. The ques- here since the opening of the season, unusual time 250,000 acres at auction is what did they pay the gov- and over fifty farmers are waiting vote for Laurier they wouldn't get sale? Why are they willing to spend ernment? Some western land men for cars which they ordered long the road. \$30,000 on a campaign of advertising claim it was \$2.50 an acre. Others ago.

ANOTHER LAND SCANDAL are correct and there seems every ed to tax these lands it was discovreason to believe they are, the Sas-ered they were exempted. The truth katoon and Western Land Co. is a is the crown holds these lands; the company on a par with the Saskat- company apparently has not had to chewan Valley Land Co. If, the truth put up a cent. The government has were known Liberal politicians, it is had the financing. The lands are believed, would be found at the back held in the crown's name until they of it, and the deal by which they se are sold. The department is then no western land-the best in Saskatche-the purchaser. The company has no wan-would be found to have even title-the title as advertised is made the notorious Saskatchewan Valley out direct by the crown,

What the land men of Winnipeg and the west believe is that the Saskatoon and Western Land Co, represents a group of those Liberal politicians who have been plundering the western domains: that they have secured an anormous tract of land for next to nothing-that they pay no taxes is known-that they have grown panicky over the swelling tide of indignation against the present administration: that they fear a return of the Conservatives; and that they have suddenly decided on the auction sale at Regina next week. It I Aug. 2, regarding taxes on 5, 21, is suspicious from start to finish and 21, W 2; 21, 21, 21, W 2; 23, 21, 21, a thorough explanation is due the N 2; 25, 21, 21, W 2; 27, 21, 21, W 2 people of the west and the people of 3, 21, 21, W 2; 35, 21, 21, W 2, will

The advertisement asks readers to 2 ult., while these lands are selectsend for one of their circulars and d by our land examiners, the title maps. A Telegram representative cests in the crown, and will not be followed this advice. The circular our property until we pay off the proved to be a handsome ninety-page lithographed booklet, printed on the finest of paper and with magnificent pany to take possession of these views of western wheat lands, west-lands for the purpose of selling and ern towns and cities and western development generally, entitled "The Heart of the Famous Saskatchewan Wheat Belt." There is information covernment lien has been paid, and by the wholesale regarding the lands are therefore for the present exempt of the company and western Canada, from taxation under the express but information regarding the com- terms of the B.N.A. act. The names of the officers or the history of the firm is not divulged and tory of the firm is not divulged, and company on the 8th day of May last, no information is volunteered as to ind the effect of the order in counhow the company secured possession il is merely to give us the right to of such a tract.

That the company was treated liberally by the government and was given the pick of the land of the west is evident from its admission in its booklet. It goes on to say:

BEST LANDS SELECTED

"The Saskatoon and Western Land Co., Limited, has for sale 493,269.34 acres of unbroken land in the district between Regina and Prince Albert, in the heart of the world-renowned Saskatchewan wheat belt. The parties from whom this company purchased these lands held the right of title to them since 1889, Department of the Attorney-General. long before a single acre of the dis-trict was ploughed. The 493,269.34 acres selected from a reserve of about 3,000,000 acres, by practical men of long experience in the west, and with the utmost care as to quality of soil, topograpgy and relative positions to towns and railways.

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'Only the very best lands available the matter is more properly one upwere selected. These lands and their relative positions to towns and railways, will be seen by referring to the company's list and map herewith. The map will show that the lands are not in blocks but are widely are not in blocks, but are widely be advised to get rid of the assess-scattered, the reason for this being, ment in court. The steps they will as already stated, that only the very probably take would be to resist paybest of the available lands were sement and make the school districts lected. If the company's lands were sue them in court when it would be in block, they would represent an area about twenty-eight miles square.

RAILWAY LANDS -The three million acres from which the consideration I have been able to the company claims to have made its give the matter so far I am afraid selection, it is understood is part of that their contention is correct that a land grant made to a western rail- until the patent has been issued it way in 1889. The railway made its still is land belonging to the Dominselection, but lacking finances the ion and therefore exempt under secgovernment took a mortgage on the tion 126 British North America Act

and that the only way in which th school district could get taxes of of such land is from any person wi tent issues or against the compan after the issue of the patent. Your obedient servant,

FRANK FORD. Deputy Attorney-General A. Anderson, Esq., J.P. Earl Grey, Sask.

LAND. COMPANY GETS OFF.

CAR SHORTAGE

MEETING A FROST HON. F. OLIVER

The Liberals of Regina had plann- was very cold.

referred to when he first introduced company so suddenly auctioning of this land bill in the session of 1906-7 these 250,000 acres of land. In 1907 ety. The crowd attended with a gor and others had got rich, but dety.

is informed the Saskatoon & Westthe dates set, just a week before the former speeches. He did tell them about the IFS. When a farmer sowsold under the Sifton regime. ed wheat there were a lot of IFS sold under the Sifton regime. later under the Hardy and the Ross before he got it to the market. IF Taken altogether, Mr. Oliver made governments, the whole machinery of

The most of Mr. Scott's speech Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

Hon. Frank Oliver and Walter and received splendid hearing. He the Land and Timber Deals. vorable impression and arouse some enthusiasm. However, the audience

ed for a ginger spreading meeting last Wednesday night for Premier ments on western development did Scott and Hon. Frank Oliver, minis-not lay down any future policy to Toronto, Oct. 8.—All the signs parison of election returns. The pro-ter, were to address a meeting of be followed. That much was expect-point to a Conservative sweep in this vincial Conservatives were returned Scott and Hon. Frank Oliver, minis- not lay down any future policy to In dealing with the sale being conducted in Regina this week the Winmiper Telegram says:

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was expended in an attempt to show what the Liberals had done for the ONTARIO TO GIVE BORDEN BIG MAJORTY

Scott Fail to Arouse any was a great disappointment as even Conservatives were prepared to admit that he would create a more family that he was a more family that he would create a more famil of Liberal Provincial Government--Borden May Get a Majorty of Fifty in that Province--Strong Borden Tide.

province that will rival the victory of 42. But even though the Liberal not until the land was sold to the for the Liberal electors who are attement at all on the Hudlarmer that taxes could be collected, then the new settler was liable.

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American papers a large advertise and uniform the new settler was liable.

The question now arises why is the however, was of the unthawed variable and others had got rich, but dephesy about this forecast, which can be rejuvenated party which went into the election last summer and was to the election re-

Under the Mowat government, and later under the Hardy and the Ross tawa friends in every federal elec-tion. The power of this machine, with its trained crooks like Preston. Sullivan and Pritchard, with unlimitan exceedingly difficult influence to As the campaign progresses the force fight. That machine was demolished of public sentiment as directed with the defeat of the Ross governnent, and now for the first time the ing more and more appreciated. The Liberals themselves realize the danenemies in Ontario on fair ground. ger of the situation, and the heavy The legitimate influence of the On-guns of the party, including Sir Wil-tario government they will have with frid Laurier himself, are making their

ment of the sale of 250,000 acres of Saskatchewan land which has attracted much attention from the public in general and real estates men in particular.

The advertisement is that of the Saskatoon and Western Land company and offers by auction 250,000 acres of what it described as the richest farming land in the west. The sale opens on Monday at Regina and west. The sale opens on Monday at Regina and west.

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The advertisement is sauch as a started, David Creelman, Sask., Sept. 10.—There was frost, hall, etc., it wouldn't suc- government, and even strong Liber- ramifications reaching into every confour years ago. This would make the Western Land Co.? Who are the officers? How came they to have such
an enormous amount of western land, the pick of
the company. It
standing of Ontario 68 Conservatives
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Conservative calculators do not against the Laurier government is befight in this province. Liberals admit a loss of ten seats, but they will Just what this reversal of condi-ions means may be seen from a com-with a loss of twice that number.

HUDSON BAY

Major Moodie Reports that the by the natives excepting for food, Ice was gone at Churchill in when no other means of subsistence the first Week of June--In- killed their skins were to be turned

Ottawa, Oct. 11.-Major D. Moodie and that they had killed nine musk charge of the R.N.W.M.P. posts on oxen for an American captain named the Hudson's Bay in his report to headquarters dated July 1, gives ledge of the government regulations some information in regard to the ice on this subject, and told the police ents in Hudson's Bay, which that as they had been sent out is of interest by reason of the steps white man they had thought it was which the Dominion government is all right. a commercial route for the support of western produce to Europe. He tells of the arrival at Churchill of a patrol boat which left Fullerton on 3rd of June. Members of the patrol reported that all ice was well off shore until within 100 miles of Churchill, when they found it was driven in and were detained thirteen days near Driftwood point. From that place

they had to work through ice all the Speaking of the conditions of the Churchill river, Major Moodie says, early this year there was no high water since the ice went out. The the English board of the Grand that owing to the snow having gone river at the time of writing was Trunk Railway was desirous of withabout summer height. A channel broke through the ice in the harbor on the night of June 15, and the struction of the eastern section of next day the channel was practically free from ice at low water. Owing the "National Transcontinental," or to the continuance of the northerly Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, from winds, the ice had never got sum- Lake Abitibi to Moncton, N.B., on ciently far into the bay to get out of the ground that the line never could the river current, and so travelled in become profitable. The rumor which the tides

noth in the bay and river the ice is tawa and Montreal. Several prominboth in the bay and river the ice is less in the "Needles" and a good steamer would have no difficulty in working through. Spring at Churchill this year was early, snow having completely disappeared from the level by May 6th. Summer, however, was late in coming, and there was practically none until the end of June when the mosquitoes began to get in their work. In the north the weather work. In the north the weather work and Montreal. Several prominent financers, who refused to allow their names to be mentioned, said to the Mail and Empire that they had every reason to think that the rum-or was founded on fact, but declined to go further in the discussion of the situation.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways for Canada, characterized as "pure bosh" the report that the G. er had been about as usual, with not T. R. wishes to get out of its conwas free from ice when the patrol ferring to his remark in the House passed, the first week in June. All of Commons last session about anfoxes. Deer were very scarce every-was only a random remark based on where, and only to be found in small another chance remark made to him

bands.

Great destitution, Major Moodie, says exists among the natives. One man died of starvation between Fullerton and Baker lake and others were so weak as not to be able to get into the barracks at Fullerton. It was necessary on different occasions to bring native families to the barracks and to supply them with food. Many of the natives' dogs died also for want of food, and this made matters worse, as hunters were depended to the Mail and Empire from Montreal says: Mr. W. Wainwright, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, and the only high official of the road in the city at the present time, denies any knowledge of the fact that directors of the Grand Trunk are anxious to slip out of their obligations in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific. 'It's all Greek to me,' said Mr. Wainwright, yesterday, when shown for want of food, and this made matters were dependent upon them. From the barracks natives went out hunting and brought in whatever they got. They are not lazy, but are always eagre to go off hunting when able to do so.

"It's all Greek to me," said Mr. Wainwright, yesterday, when shown the report from New York. "And, furthermore, I don't believe a word of it." Mr. Wainwright declined to allow himself to be quoted further.—
Mail and Empire.

Major Moodie reports that there FREE OF ICE Bay district since the last report, Inthat Musk ox were not to be killed into the mounted police. It was as-certained, however, that a couple of

SECTION

May Be Abandoned By The Grand Trunk-Report That the G.T. Are Anxious to Get Out of Building From Lake Abitibi East.

The rumor was current on the The report adds, however, that was also current in centres like Ot-

lite as had winds during the winter. tract to run the eastern section of hesterfield inlet on the Hudson Bay the national transcontinental. Rends of game have been scarce in the other company being ready to opertorth and last winter was reported ate the Winnipeg-Moncton section if the worst in years for wolves and the G.T.P. did back out, he said it by a railroad man.

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Conservative City Hall, Regina At 8.00 p.m.

TO BE ADDRESSED BY

Hon. R. P. Roblin

Premier of Manitoba

Mr. B. J. Bott

Of Craik

AND OTHER PROMINENT SPEAKERS

- All Are Cordially Invited To Attend

F. WHITMORE, President.

J. F. BRYANT, Secretary.

God Save The King