

SAFE AND SANE

In these days of inflated capitalization and wild optimism, it is worth any investor's while to study the sane business proposition which Western Oil and Coal Consolidated OFFERS to investors. One of the best opportunities for making large profits on a small investment that has come before you for a long time. The Company owns the only known oil lands in British Columbia that are on a railway. They own two wells that experts say will produce, at least, 100 barrels of oil per day. They have let a contract for drilling five more wells that are likely to be even more productive. They own 26,240 acres of oil and coal lands in Alberta and British Columbia; and there is little doubt but that within a year they will have, at least, a production of 500 barrels of oil per day on that land. Under their Charter, which is a very valuable one, being a special Act obtained from the Legislature of Alberta, they have the right to build pipe lines anywhere, and to construct tramways to carry their coal. They have successfully prospected for and obtained the oil on some of their lands, and there is every reason to believe that their other oil lands are as good, probably much better than those they have already.

WESTERN

Another oil expert, of well known standing, who has made a fortune out of oil, closes his report with the following:—

"I have no hesitancy in saying that it is the most promising oil field I have ever examined, and I have been in every oil field on this continent, excepting California and Texas, and operated both as producer and refiner in Canada, Ohio and Pennsylvania."

If you had invested \$1,000 in the Home Oil Company, of California, seven years ago, your investment to-day would have been worth \$375,000. If you had invested \$1,000 in the Standard Oil Company twenty years ago your investment to-day would be worth \$6,500,000.

OIL

The oil lands of this Company are only a part of the resources in which you have an interest when you invest in the shares of the Western Oil and Coal Consolidated. The Company owns fourteen square miles of coal lands in British Columbia, which adjoins the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company's lands and through which the Great Northern Railway now passes, and fifteen square miles of coal lands in Alberta. The Company also owns a mine at Chipman Creek, in Alberta, on which it has been estimated that there are 12,000,000 tons of coal; that is to say, the Company has sixty times as much area of coal land unprospected as now constitutes the Chipman Creek mine, on which it is estimated there are 12,000,000 tons of coal.

Not one gold mine in forty has ever paid its shareholders a dollar; not one silver mine in sixty-four has ever paid to its shareholders a dividend. On the other hand, 97 per cent. of the coal mines and oil fields have been a great success, and have made their proprietors enormously wealthy. \$1,000 invested in the Crow's Nest Coal Company ten years ago would be worth to you to-day \$275,000. The late Robert Dunsmuir, with less than \$1,000, laid the foundation on Vancouver Island for his great fortune, which it is estimated to-day is worth \$41,000,000, and made it all out of coal.

Coal and oil are as necessary in the domestic economies of life as food and clothes. An eminent financier who died worth \$70,000,000 said to a young man who enquired from him as to the source of his great fortune: "For certainty of profits invest in necessities." Oil and Coal are necessities. In the Western Oil and Coal Consolidated you will have an investment in two of the most profitable commodities that are produced by mining. Greater fortunes have been made in the production of these than have ever been made in any other class of mining. The Western Oil and Coal Consolidated own their properties and the titles are vested in the Company. The Company is managed by business men, who have invested largely in the Company's shares. If they are to make money for themselves they must make money for you—that is evident. In the consolidation of the various companies which are merged into the Western Oil and Coal Consolidated there was not a share of stock given to anyone for promotion. There is no one who received a share of this Company's stock without paying for it; everyone has been obliged to pay for the preferred stock the same price at which you can buy it now, but you will readily understand that when you are offered Cumulative Preferred shares bearing interest at 6 per cent., guaranteed by \$367,500 worth of assets, and in addition to this you are offered a bonus of an equal number of Ordinary Shares, that you are getting an investment which is far beyond the ordinary. For this reason the Directors of the Company, who are men of business sense, feel that they cannot afford, in the interest of those who have already invested, to continue to give the bonus of share-for-share.

COAL

Therefore, the bonus of share-for-share will be withdrawn after December 31st, 1906. Till then you can participate in this excellent opportunity; after that, if there are any of the 10,000 Preferred shares left, which is doubtful, the bonus will be considerably reduced, probably to over half, or withdrawn altogether. If you are a business man of ordinary business discretion, and have money to invest, you cannot make any mistake by carefully examining and investigating this proposition. The shares are selling rapidly, and it is not expected that there will be any left after the 31st of December. If you want to know more write to John N. Lake, 114a King Street west, Toronto, or fill out the following order and send to same address—Do it now.

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John N. Lake
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APPLICATION

I or we the undersigned, hereby apply for Six per cent. Cumulative Preferred shares, of a par value of \$10.00 each, in the Western Oil and Coal Consolidated (No Personal Liability) and an equal number of Ordinary shares, of a par value of \$10.00 each, namely to be granted as a bonus.

I, or we, enclose herewith cheque for \$..... in full payment of same.

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THE BILL TO STOP STRIKES

But Minister Of Labor's Bill Does Not Enforce Award

COMPELS ARBITRATION

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—M. Lemieux yesterday introduced and secured a first reading for his bill, amended to read: "An act to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lock-outs in coal mines and industries connected with public utilities."

The act is intended to apply not only to coal strikes, but to labor difficulties arising in steamship, telegraph, telephone, water supply, gas, electric light and street railway companies.

Provides For Arbitration. It provides that no strike or lock-out shall be ordered until the matters in dispute between the employer and employee shall have been submitted to arbitration. During the arbitration both sides are compelled, under severe penalties, to refrain from doing anything towards bringing on a strike.

The award is not enforceable, however, except so far as public opinion may influence the parties to carry it out. Steam railways are not included, as they are already under a separate act. The Railway Arbitration Act, however, does not compel the postponement of the strike pending arbitration.

In reply to questions, Mr. Lemieux intimated that the new act might be extended to steam railways.

Hon. George E. Foster suggested that the act should be so drafted as to provide for compulsory arbitration and award.

Too Drastic. Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that Mr. Foster was too radical. The Government had been moving cautiously, but at the same time progressively.

The pending bill provided for compulsory investigation. He was not prepared to go to the length of a compulsory award, although much was to be said in its favor.

W. F. Maclean (South York) enquired whether the Minister had considered the fact that some of the provinces had laws dealing with street railway strikes.

Mr. Lemieux replied that the federal law would govern in case of conflict. However, he saw no reason to doubt that the authorities would co-operate.

Mr. Lawrence (Liberal, Nova Scotia), introduced a bill to provide for the inspection of barges on the great lakes and upon the coast. The design of the law is to guard against barges being unseaworthy, and also against overloading.

Mysterious Trading Co. Mr. Monk moved for an order of the House for a return showing: (1) All claims made on the Government by the North Atlantic Trading Co. since March 31, 1906; (2) all amounts paid to the said North Atlantic Trading Co. by the Government of Canada; (a) on account of bonuses; (b) on account of disbursements since March 31, 1906; (3) a copy of all correspondence had by the Government with the said North Atlantic Trading Co. since March 31, 1906, up to Dec. 1, 1906, and of all letters and accounts received from the said company between the above dates.

Mr. Monk, after reviewing the disclosures of the past session, reminded the House that during the summer recess Mr. Oliver had visited Europe for the express purpose of investigating the matter of immigration. Did he visit Amsterdam? Did he see the office or meet the officers of this mysterious trading company? It was important to know how the account stood with this company. Had it been sending more immigrants? Does it claim that any money is still owing under its contract with the Government of Canada?

Learned Nothing of Interest. Mr. Oliver said he had no objections to the order. He had visited the North Atlantic Trading Co. but had learned nothing of interest.

Mr. Monk: Who composed the company? Mr. Oliver: I am not a detective. The gentlemen of the Opposition were engaged for months in detective work. If they could not find this out, how could I be expected to do so?

There were a number of questions which elicited from the Government some information. British imports to Canada show a marked increase; contrasting 1905 with 1897, the increase in textile goods was 136 per cent., in leather goods 45 per cent., and in glass goods 122 per cent.

Duty On Spirits. Replying to W. F. Maclean (South York), Mr. Paterson stated that under the Customs Act the duty on spirits is \$2.40 per gallon; the excise tax on the same is \$1.90. In the United States the customs is \$2.25 per gallon, and the excise \$1.10.

Since 1900, 25,547 Canadians resident in the United States have returned to Canada. The total emigration to Canada during the past three years was as follows: 1903, 130,331; 1904, 142,266; 1905, 139,064. Of these 52,648 in the last year were destined for Ontario.

Mr. Emmerson, replying to Mr. Hughes (Liberal, P.E.I.), read some correspondence exonerating the officials of the Intercolonial Railway of brutality or carelessness respecting the failure to taking a lifeboat by special train from Charlottetown to Sydney. It is true that \$50 was the price stated to the agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, but it was merely a charge that would have been finally settled between the two departments at Ottawa. If the agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department had given the order, the train would have been at his disposal without requiring from him any actual payment of money.

Stand Over. There were several important motions on the order paper standing in the name of R. L. Borden, including

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the resolution respecting an investigation and report by the railway commission as to the maximum passenger rate of two cents a mile. Upon the request of Mr. Barker (East Hamilton), who, in each instance, answered for Mr. Borden, who was not in the House, they stood over for future consideration.

Mr. Robitaille, the new member from Quebec County, spoke at some length and with considerable vigor upon an apparent injustice in the payment of officers in the militia following the three months' short course. The House adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

PAT PUZZLED

Tat—Who goes there?
Officer of the day.
Pat—Thim play that the devil are you doing out here at night?

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