HAS THE CANADIAN NORTHERN ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER RAID UPON THE CANADIAN DOMINION TREASURY?

Winnipeg Free Press Says So and Insists That Some Daylight Should Be Let in Upon the Financing of the Canadian Northern and Other Enterprises

SUGGESTS FORMATION OF BULL MOOSE PARTY AMONG FARMERS OF WESTERN CANADA

Believe Both Political Parties Are Lined Up Behind Demand of the Celebrated Railway Promoters and That There Will Be No Real Opposition to Demand in Parliament

The Winnipeg Free Press, which has taken the lead in recent years in discussions of particular interest to Western Canada, predicts another invasion of Canada by Mackenzie and Mann. It says that all the indications point to thecompletion of arrangements for helping themselves to many millions of cash from the Dominion as well as a very large loan from this country.

The Free Press rather believes that the two parties are lined up behind These railway adventurers and that the discussion in parliament will be of the perfunctory order and that real criticism will be lacking. It suggests that this may be followed by the creation of a Bull Moose party.

The Free Press does not say that no assistance should be given to railways by the Dominion, but that no aid is coming to or is needed by the Canadian Northern. "Before any more aid is granted to the railway" says The Free Press, "some daylight should be let in on Canadian Northern financing."

The Free Press editorial is as follows:—

"All the indications at Ottawa go to show that arrangements have been completed by those two masterful knights who are such outstanding figures among the overlords of our modern feudalism, Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, for helping themselves—that is, the Canadian Northern, which is theirs—to many millions of cash from the Dominion treasury, and for securing, in addition, a loan from the Dominion.

"The dispatches which the Free Press has been publishing from its Ottawa correspondent have kept the West informed in regard to this matter. When the announcement of this intention on the part of the C.N.R. was first published a couple of months ago, a denial from Ottawa was promptly set forth in the government's newspaper organ in Winnipeg; and Sir Donald Mann, in an interview with the representative of a Toronto paper, professed to know nothing about the matter and treated the published report as a thing unfounded. Meanwhile the arrangements were being pushed forward at Ottawa with perservering energy and thoroughness.

"As the Ottawa correspondent of The Free Press stated yesterday, Sir William and Sir Donald and their force of lobbyists great and lobbyists small, have taken their departure from Ottawa, their work being finished; and the Government now has its part to do in bringingthe matter before Parliament at an early date. The lobbying has been most persistent and skilful. The lobbyists great and the lobbyists small have plied their arts on both sides of the house; and all the signs go to show that Sir William and Sir Donald regard it now as a foregone conclusion that the necessary government legislation they have arranged for to enable them to help themselves to cash from the Dominion treasury and to grant them a Dominion loan will slide through parliament, without difficulty or delay.

Bull Moose Party Suggested

"If this is done, if there is merely a perfunctory debate, if there is only a make-believe criticism, there will be many from end to end of the Dominion who will indignantly declare that parliament exists not to do the will of the Canadian people, but to do the will of Big Business and High Finance. If both the parties show themselves subserviently serviceable in carrying through this arranged raid upon the Dominion treasury and the credit of the Dominion, there will be many Canadians who will believe that the time has come for the organization of a Bull Moose party in this country.

"The Free Press is not prepared to say dogmatically that circumstances do not warrant the granting of some Dominion aid, direct or indirect, to the Canadian Northern. But there is a strong presumption, that the Canadian Northern is not entitled to, and does not rightly need, such assistance. This presumption is held by the people of this country generally; and it is the manifest duty of parliament to have it made plain before the eyes of the whole country whether it is a well-founded and justly warranted presumption or not.

Where Did Money Go?

"Before any more aid, direct or indirect, is granted by the Dominion parliament to the Canadian Northern, daylight should be let in on Canadian Northern financing. A catalogue was published by The Free Press only many weeks ago, setting forth all the cash subsidies, land grants and bond guarantees already secured by the Canadian Northern from the Dominion and from Provinces, amounting in all to more than $200,000,000. What the people of Canada are entitled to know is what Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann have done with the public aid which has been given them in such abundance, and how they have financed the Canadian Northern. Not a single dollar more of public aid, or a public guarantee to the extent of a single dollar more, should be given to them, until first the searchlight is turned upon the mysteries of Canadian Northern finance, and the truth is disclosed, so that it can be known whether or not the Canadian Northern is entitled to any further aid.

"How much of their own money, if any, have Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann and the small group of their asociates who hold all the stock of the Canadian Northern (the control being in the hands of Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann) put into the work of creating the Canadian Northern system? How much of the wealth of the two knights has come out of Canadian Northern construction contracts and out of the operations of the group of corporations controlled by them as subsidiary to the Canadian Northern? To mention one of these corporations, take the Canadian Northern Express company, owned by Mackenzie and Mann. It does not represent any invested capital: the equipment used in carrying on the business was paid for out of earnings. It has, however, issued $3,000,000 of 4 per cent. gold bonds, and $1,000,000 of capital stock. Its gross earnings for the year, ending June 30, 1912, were $778,642.28, out of which it paid the Canadian Northern railway company for 'express privileges' $302,837.35, and operating expenses, $276,411.07, leaving a net revenue of $199,393.86.

How Did They Pay?

"What did Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann pay for the stock of the Canadian Northern, or did they pay nothing, and is the stock all water? Is the Canadian Northern system being built entirely out of the proceeds of public aid, direct and indirect? If, then, there is to be any more public aid given, then the time has come for a full disclosure of the whole truth about Canadian Northern finance. Let Sir William and Sir Donald open up the secrets of Canadian Northern finance to public view, and show that they have done everything possible to carry on construction work with their own capital and are unable to do any more, and have therefore to appeal for public aid.

Its Street Railway Enterprises.

"How about the financing of the street railway systems and power plants, in Canada and out of Canada, the coal mines, the timber limits, and the many other enterprises in which Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann are so heavily concerned? Has any of the public aid granted for the Canadian Northern gone into those other enterprises? There is a great deal of information which the people of Canada are entitled to in regard to Canadian Northern finance, and it is the duty of parliament to compel the production of all that information in the open light of day.

"The Canadian Northern system is being constructed in reality by the people of Canada, but it is owned by the millionaire knights, Sir William and Sir Donald. Are we going to have a demonstration that Sir William and Sir Donald also own our Dominion parliament?"

ADVENTURERS START FOR NOME IN CANOE

Seattle, May 23.—Arthur D. Simpson and Forrest Clark, of San Diego, have started from Seattle harbor in an 18-foot canvas canoe, in which they expect to row to Nome, going all the way by water except the distance between Skagway and the head of navigation on the Yukon, at White Horse, which must be travelled by the White Horse Railroad.

The voyagers will be in sheltered water nearly all the way, but there are open places on the inside passage and rapids in the Yukon that are full of peril. They expect to reach Skagway in three months and to take less time in floating down the Yukon. The crossing of Norton Sound from the mouth of the Yukon to Nome, is the most venturesome part of the cruise.

PUPILS PRESENT GOLD PIN TO MISS HALLETT AT CLOSING

Domestic Science Night Class Gives Successful Luncheon at End of Term

The pupils of the night class in domestic science gave a closing supper Wednesday night in the public school domestic science room at the Garbutt College Block. A pleasant feature of the event was the presentation of a gold pin to the teacher, Miss Hallett, by the pupils. Mr. T. B. Kidner made presentation, and Mr. Arnold and Mr. A. D. MacDonald addressed the class and teacher complimenting them on their success.

The luncheon was given as the formal closing of the term, the invited guests being Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bagnall, Mr. A. D. MacDonald and Miss MacDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

The night class in domestic science was originated three years ago, and has been one of the most successful departments of the night classes of the public schools.

HALT SPECULATION; WORK THE LAND IS DANE'S ADVICE

Dairy Expert, Visiting Alberta in Interests of Danish Societies, Believes Country Will Be Better When Actual Development Work Is Started

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"The one fault I find with Alberta and particularly with the conditions in the immediate vicinity of Calgary, is that too many men are trying to make fortunes in land speculation instead of actually working the lands they possess."

This is the statement of Lars Frederiksen, cattle expert to the United Agricultural Societies of Jutland, a province in Denmark. Mr. Frederiksen, who is registered at the King George, and the guest yesterday of Provincial Dairy Commissioner Marker. The Danish expert is making a tour of the North American continent, getting advanc-ideas regarding cattle raising and dairying, and plans to spend at least two months in western Canada before departing for Denmark.

"I have gained many valuable ideas of dairying through my inspections of Albertan farms," said Mr. Frederiksen last night. "Of course, we want to keep our own people in Denmark, and I believe the new ideas I have absorbed in the United States and Canada regarding the proper method to get as much cash as possible out of the stock raising industry will be of great benefit to the Danish farmers. I find that some of our people want to try their fortunes in this wonderful new western country, and I shall undoubtedly be asked to designate the places where Danes should emigrate if they are bound to come to the new world.

Is Impressed With Alberta

"So far I have not really made up my mind what section to recommend, but Alberta impresses me as a wonderful land of possibilities. It does not seem to me that this great horde of land speculators, however, are of any benefit to the country. The inflated values they are attempting to give the land must in course of time be retroactive. If they would get down to real development work, and farm their land instead of speculating in it, the country would be far better off.

"From a dairy standpoint it seems to me that butter, for instance, can be produced here at a smaller cost and sold for a bigger amount than in the old country. When you get laboor on a permanent basis, and the farmer can depend upon a steady supply of help the year round, your conditions will also be better. I am not familiar with irrigation, and expect to study the hugs water ditches considerable before leaving this section. The certainty to water, no matter what the climatic conditions may happen to be,is also a great advantage to your province, and one which I shall appreciate in making out my final report to my societies."

From Calgary Mr. Frederiksen will go to the C. P. R. Demonstration at Lethbridge, and then to Regina.

Tenant's Action Dismissed

In the district court yesterday before Judge Carpenter, the case of stein was dismissed without the defence being heard. The suit was for the sum of $15.65 which was claimed for repairs which were done by the plaintiff in Suite 12 of Moxam Court, it being averred that the defendant ought to have kept the place in proper state of repair. After hearing the evidence for the plaintiff the case was dismissed. A. Adams appeared for the plaintiff and E. A. Dunbar for the defendant.

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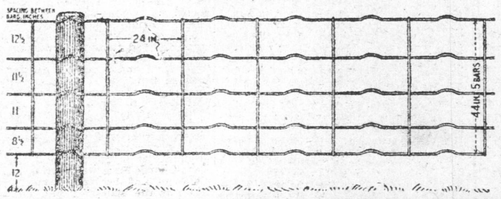

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