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**Land Deals**

That there is unjust manipulation with the public lands in this province is evidenced from time to time. Why did the Dominion government wish to keep control of the lands? Was it for the purpose of helping out their friends? The Bladworth Progress exposes a queer case as follows:

"A very queer case came to our notice where a Strongfield farmer, Mr. Thomas Tindal, claims he was dealt unfairly with by the government in regards to a homestead quarter."

"According to Mr. Tindal the said homestead was at one time held by an Ontario farmer, but he left it and went east again to reside."

"Last June a notice appeared in the Strongfield post office saying that this homestead was 'Open for Cancellation.'"

"In July Mr. Tindal cancelled said homestead and after waiting a long time for some word he wrote to the Dominion government at Ottawa and received the following reply: 'Said homestead deemed to be the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company.'"

"Now what we want to know is, where the government gets the right to deed homestead land over to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co.?"

"Another case is exposed by the Estevan Observer of where land is sold for a sum much less than was offered for it. Here's what that paper says—

"There is apparently no end to the jobbery of the Liberal government. No matter which way you turn, you see and hear evidence of maladministration. It has just come to our knowledge that what may develop into a first class scandal has been perpetrated in connection with the sale of quarantine lands close to town."

"It will be remembered that some time ago tenders were asked by the Dominion government for the purchase of quarantine lands adjacent to Estevan. The tenders were numerous, offers being as high as \$7.50 per acre. One would naturally suppose that a government priding itself on its work in the interests of the country would accept the highest sum possible for the public lands placed in open sale. Not a bit of it. Tenders at \$7.50 were thrown down in favor of tenders as low as \$3.11. Why? Because Liberal votes were what the government wanted, and some of the higher tenders were considered doubtful where their votes were concerned. And so the Grits who manipulated the alleged sale got the votes they were after, but what of the monetary loss to the country? These lands belonged to the whole country, and to refuse the highest price that could be obtained for them, is in plain English, little short of downright thieving."

"We have evidence to corroborate the statements we have made and have something more to say anon."

Deals such as these should make the people sit up and think. Had the public lands been handed over to the province under the Autonomy Act, the Dominion government would have to look elsewhere for pap for their friends. As it is now the hosts of government friends are being fed at the expense of the people of western Canada. Can no stop be put to this

sort of thing? It rests with the voters at next election.

**Editorial Notes**

If Mr. Scott is not sick, as Mr. Calder states, the public would like to know if he is still drawing money from the public treasury.

The loan companies doing business in the west have intimated that they are willing to provide funds for farmers of this province who own their lands, whether encumbered or not, to purchase seed grain. Of course they could not, as a business proposition, lend money to those who have neither earned their patents or recommendations for same. The managers of these companies are naturally pretty closely in touch with the situation and they estimate that about \$500,000 would be all the money that the government would have to expend to insure that sufficient seed would be provided to those who cannot through financial stress obtain it.

In the course of an editorial recently, the Grenfell Sun puts forth the theory that the Liberals have placed J. T. Brown in the field in Qu'Appelle for the purpose of killing him politically. Lake looks like a sure winner and that being the case the Liberals will have got Mr. Brown out of provincial politics and will keep him from entering the Dominion. He will not then be a danger to them or a strength to their opponents.

In his speech in parliament stating his refusal to bring down original documents unless ordered by the House to do so, Hon. Frank Oliver said that he felt his responsibility as custodian of departmental files, and he wanted to be "conscientious" in the matter. We recollect on another occasion when Mr. Oliver's "conscientiousness" was bothering him hearing a friend of his say: "Frank may be conscientious, but he has a most perverted way in being conscientious."

**Press Comments**

(Weekly Sun, Toronto)

Sad must be the feelings awakened in the breasts of all patriotic Americans and all who feel with them in the result of the Thaw trial. That Thaw was mentally capable of crime and morally responsible for its commission surely was sufficiently proved by his having been allowed by his family and friends to go at large and manage his own affairs. He knew perfectly well what he was doing. About the commission of the crime or its deliberate character there was no dispute. Deranged, and in that sense insane, anyone who commits a murder must be. The pleadings were not like those of ministers of the law presenting a case to a judicial tribunal, but rather like the declamatory

wranglings of a pair of rhetorical gladiators appealing to the passions of a crowd. The rules of evidence were strange. Experts were not disqualified by having received a fee, perhaps a heavy fee, from the party on whose behalf they appear, while only having expressed a cursory opinion on the incident of the day is a disqualification for the jury box. A court of justice is not a suitable place for the discussion of a question of sanity. In England a day, or possibly half a day would have sufficed to complete the trial. The proof of the fact which was perfectly clear, would have been put in. The verdict would have followed it. Sentence would have been passed and reported to the home secretary, who would have communicated with the judge, and if the judge expressed any doubt on the ground of insanity or any other ground would have suspended execution—and re-viewed the case. Thaw is now sworn by paid experts into the lunatic asylum. By paid experts he will presently be sworn out of it. He will then walk the streets of New York a privileged murderer. Such is the power of wealth.

(Winnipeg Telegram)

Of more than passing interest to Western Canada are the figures which Senator Casgrain presented to the senate on Wednesday last in advocating the early construction of the Georgian Bay canal. If these figures are to be relied upon, they are the result of skilled engineers and experts in transportation, the cost of transporting wheat from Western Canada by way of the proposed Georgian Bay canal would be two cents per bushel to Montreal, half a cent for handling and four cents per ton for freight—a total cost of transportation to Liverpool, the world's greatest wheat market, of six and one-half cents, or one-half cent less than it costs to carry wheat to New York from Chicago.

While ocean freights from New York it was pointed out, were lower than from Montreal, still the rate on wheat from New York was two and one-half cents a bushel, still the cost at Liverpool for Chicago wheat via New York would be nine and one-half cents a bushel at least, as against the freight rate of western Canadian wheat via the Georgian Bay Canal of six and a half cents.

(Victoria Colonist)

During a debate in the commons at Ottawa on Wednesday, Dr. McIntyre made the statement that Christian Science was largely responsible for the dissemination of contagious diseases. As to whether the contagion is accurate or not is not material—the point which such an allegation emphasizes is that the laws of the land framed for the especial purpose of preventing the spread of contagious diseases by providing penalties for the offense of failing to report the existence of the same, ought to be rigorously enforced on all occasions.

**CARLOS BURIED**

No Incidents Affected the Funeral Procession—Wreaths Sent from Russia and Norway.

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—The funeral service over the bodies of King Carlos and his son Luis, crown prince of Portugal, who were shot a week ago on the Praça do Commercio, were held in the church of San Vincent early this morning. The ceremonies were simple but impressive, and carried to a close without untoward incident.

The line of the funeral procession from the royal chapel in the palace to the church was guarded by troops. All the governments of Europe and America were represented by special missions.

The day was one in which the Portuguese people united in prayer for their murdered king and prince. Oppression real or fancied, the restriction of liberty, the bitter clash of party, sinister intrigue, merciless vengeance, seemed all to have been abandoned for the moment at least and following the custom of Roman Catholics the people wished to join in some way in the solemn mass which was offered up for the spiritual welfare of Carlos and his son.

The streets were thronged with people. They poured in from the country, from towns of the provinces and from nearby cities, some by trains, some by carriages, or by cart and many on foot. In the crowd were large numbers of simple peas-

ants and trades people from the provinces who knew or cared nothing of political strife but wished only to mourn the dead leaders. Bits of straw, fluttered from the arms of many persons in the city, yet in spite of these general signs of mourning the crowded streets suggested to some observers a general fête day which the talking throngs were all bent on observing; but to other the presence of large bodies of infantry and cavalry at various points of prominence had a sinister significance—a suggestion of the tragic events that had come and those that might fall on the nation in the near future.

The route of march between the palace and the church was densely lined by mourning people. One point, however, was carefully avoided by the superstitious Portuguese, this was the spot on the Praça do Commercio where the cold blooded murderers were committed last Saturday. Had it not been for the presence of a cavalry picket this part of the Praça would have been absolutely deserted.

All the business houses and shops of Lisbon were closed, and the ministerial offices situated in the Praça do Commercio were closed as a measure of precaution. All the windows of these buildings were heavily shuttered.

Yielding to earnest solicitations, King Manuel did not take part in the procession. He and his mother Queen Amelie, and the mother of the late king, Queen Maria Pia, were present at the services in the mortuary chapel, and followed the coffins to the door of the chapel whence they returned to the palace. During the morning King Manuel received the missions sent to Lisbon by the sovereigns and chiefs of state of foreign countries.

The funeral cortege arrived at the church of San Vincent at 2 o'clock. It traversed the scene of the tragedy in the Praça do Commercio in absolute quiet. The sun shone brilliantly and the air was filled with the tolling of many bells. Wreaths and floral pieces were sent by the Emperor of Russia and the King and Queen of Norway.

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**NIAGARA FALLS**

Burton Law Expires and Arrangements to be made for Future between Canada and U.S.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Persistent efforts are being made in Congress to prevent the re-enactment of what is known as the Burton law, passed in 1906, governing the disposition of the waters of Niagara Falls. The object of that enactment was to conserve the waters of the falls against the encroachment of commercial enterprises. It was designed as a purely temporary measure, to be supplanted by a general convention or treaty on this subject between the United States and Canada, and which is intended to cover also the disposition of other waters forming a boundary line between the two countries. The Burton Law expires in less than a year and a half. Those opposing its re-enactment for ten years, as is proposed in some quarters, declared this is a distinct advantage to the Canadians, who, because such a large portion of the falls are on the Canadian side of the river, are content to let the existing conditions remain in preference to agreeing to a treaty which will restrict the privileges they now enjoy. For this reason it is argued that the law should not be re-enacted, as there will be greater in-

centive for delay on the part of the Canadians. The question of the signing of a treaty covering the disposition of all the waterways between the two countries has been pending between Great Britain and the United States for a long time. Some time this month Ambassador James Bryce is going to Ottawa for a consultation with the Canadian authorities, but whether or not this will develop into active steps towards the formation of a treaty on the general subject is not stated. The international waterways commission, which is made up of members from the United States and Canada, has turned in a mass of information on the whole question, which has been laid before the two governments for their consideration. The United States government is anxious that some decision should be arrived at in the whole matter, and that at an early date. It wants a treaty prepared and ratified at this session of Congress if possible. At the same time it is desirable that this shall be accepted so that the Canadian parliament may act in the matter. All this should be done before June next year, when the present Burton Law expires by limitation. A failure to reach an understanding in the form of a treaty between the two countries at an early date will necessitate the passage of some form of legislation extending the present law, a resort to which is bitterly opposed by some New York interests.

**CRUSHED IN BREAD MIXER**

Stratford, Feb. 10.—Fred Seibert, a baker for the Barnsdale Trading Company was terribly crushed by being drawn into a bread mixer. His chest was crushed, his right leg broken at the thigh, and his right arm so mangled as to necessitate amputation at the shoulder. His escape from death was due to the presence of Wm. Plumley, who stopped the machine.

Action is being taken to unseat Mayor Oliver of Toronto. The motion is brought for an order declaring that Joseph Oliver has not been duly elected mayor of the city of Toronto, and has unjustly usurped the office. It is alleged that Oliver, while in Tonawanda, N.Y. took preliminary naturalization papers.

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**RESENTS QUEST**

C.P.R. Live Stock Agent Short Answer to S Association

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—At the Live Stock association meeting the C.P.R. methods of handling live stock came in for a sharp rebuff. When sharply rebuffed by the referee, the C.P.R. live stock agent's office in Calgary and there to receive complaints was resented strongly. It should be petitioned to be taken into consideration that the western country could not be so bitterly accused of luring Canadian cars.

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Prince Albert Council \$3,500 to the board of the city for a publicity campaign.

The Hanley Herald has been posed by the owner, C. ley to H. R. Finlay.

Settlers in the Quill L have earned near \$100 of during the last fall.

The Asquith Empire, managed by Chas. A. Y its appearance on February

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