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R. S. Lake Exposes the Mefarious Robin's Deal and Severely Handles the Interior Department for Concealing the Facts and Shielding the Grafters

But the question of the best means of irrigating lands in the west has 2. The closed grazing leanothing to do with the motion be-

fore the House. The history of the transaction has already been given in a very considerable detail. I do not propose to go into the detail but I propose toplace before the House in as short and concise a manner as I am able to do, the main features of the trangovernment whereby the latter was ing out the terms of the contract and also the privileges, and I pre sume it also includes the \$19,000 which I have just mentioned. But there was not a clear title to the absolute minutiae of this transwhole of the 380,000 acres of land action. because 94,000 acres were held un-

the history of this grazing lease. On Hitchcock as holder of 334 per cent May 15, 1905, two grazing leases ir- in the Grand Forks Cattle Co and revocable for twenty-one years were granted, one to J. D. McGregor for in the same company. Did these two 47,650 acres and the other to A. gentlemen divide up between themf Hitchcock for 46,876 acres. Each of selves the six or seven hundred thouthese carried with it the right to sand dollars profits autside of those purchase one-tenth of the whole area at left an acre. Let me remark here or, where there others in the deal, that for twelve months previously and how much of the profits of the there had been over a thousand ap- Canadian Agency Co. did these gentplications for grazing leases and lemen or other gentlemen get?

that only seven of this particular As I said just now, I think the nature, irrevocable closed leases, public have a right to know the full were granted during that whole period and two of which were the leases granted to these two gentlemen. Subsequently these two leases were merged into the Grand Forks Cattle Co. and that company purchased 9,450 acres at \$1 per acre. A valuation (Mr. Knowles) upon some remarks of the assets of the Grand Forks which were made by the members Cattle company was made by a cer. from Marquette (Mr. W. J. Roche) tain Robert Hall of Brandon, and and Calgary (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) the 9,450 acres which had been acquired at \$1 per acre, he valued at tain gentlemen interested in these \$12 per acre or in all \$113,400. He details. The remarks of the hon. valued the other assets of the com-pany at \$444,279 making \$55,679 my mind entirely beside the mark. as the grand valuation of the assets So far as I or any other gentleman of the company. On the 18th of on this side of the House is concern September 1906, the Canadian Ag- ed, we do not care whether a man is september 1906, the Canadian Agency Company Ltd., agreed to buy out the assets of the Grand Forks Cattle company for \$656,100, the odd \$100,000 over and above the value of the assets being, I presume for the rights under the grazing lease although the prospectus does not specifically say so. I can conceive ded. The Care whether a man is a scavenger so long as he does his work honestly; but the fact that he is an honest scavenger does not necessarily disqualify him for the position of a bank manager. That was along the line of the argument made by my hon. friend. The fact that a specifically say so. I can conceive specifically say so. I can conceive man is a private banker does not whom he was dealing. nothing else for which it could be.

It will thus be seen that on the 18 out of seven successful applicants for of December the Canadian Agency leases granted on special terms to be bought the Robins Irrigation that banker out of a thousand catber a berta Land Co., made an agreement them. That nothing else for which it could be. necessarily disqualify him to be one Grand Forks Cattle Co. assets and was the parallel which I think may to purchase on October 3rd. A prosleases for \$656,000 making a total friends wished to draw. Mr. Hitch- pectus giving the full particulars opof \$1,142,000. The Canadian Agen- cock is a private banker at Moose peared in the London dailies, as well company limited is a promoting company and the papers do not mention any shareholders in that company other than Major St. Aubyn, who is the gentleman who was in with Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. McGregor in the Grand Forks Cattle Co., and the Robins Irrigation Co. I am unable to say whether Messrs Hitchcock and McGregor are in turn in cock is a private banker at Moose Jaw. I am stating that for the reasonable appearance that are the London dailies, as well as other English papers, upwards of a fortnight before the deputy minister of the interior (Mr. Cory) signed this report. Surely such a large transaction must have excited general intrest in the department and must have been well known to the minister of the limited in the London dailies, as well as other English papers, upwards of a fortnight before the deputy minister of the interior (Mr. Cory) signed this report. Surely such a large transaction must have excited general intrest in the department and nust have been well known to the minister at the time these transactions were taking place.

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The whole country has heard of the | the whole being out to the Southern notorious Robins Irrigation contract Alberta Land Co for \$1,458,000, but nothing which has yet been making another profit of \$316,000. written or said on this subject has out of which they were to pay prothrown more light on this graft than motion expenses estimated at \$48,-

has so far discussed the question at whole of their profits in each if they

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ses, sav 3. The land purchased aunder the above leasees ... 4. Profits of sale to Southern Alberta Land Co less promotion expenses 267,300

Total . That sum of \$957,250 appears by this prospectus and by the paper brought down to be the proceeds of members of the House what those de the sale of government concessions members of the House what those de-tails were. The Robins Irrigation and the government concessions alone ed them detail by detail to prove company was an unregistered syndi- That is the sum the British investor their close similarity; in fact, he cate of three persons; Mr. J. D. Mc- has to pay under the present man

to sell the 380,000 acres for \$1 an for the accuracy to a single dollar, acre on condition that they would of the figures I have given, that lieve, from the information before spend at least a ceetain sum of mon-would be absurd; but so far as lies us. The minister of the Interior in acre on condition that they would spend at least a ceetain sum of money on irrigation works and would be absurd; but so far as lies in the ordinary layman I have tried bring one-fourth of the whole area under irrigation. A deposit was made of \$19,000, being 5 cents an agree on the whole area in question. The minister of the Interior in the Northwest— in the ordinary layman I have tried to get at the close of the information before him. That clause was recommended by his own official the way these government contracts appear to be—drawn up in such a agree on the whole area in question. made of \$19,000, being 5 cents an ely as I possibly could. The only obtained by the whole area in question, jection taken in this house by hon. which was to meet the cost of in-spection and preliminary survey. The to the figures which were given on others would very much like to balance was to go toward the purchase of the leases. On the 18th of September, less than three manths Ames) had neglected to say that the Ames) had neglected to say that the afterwards, the Robins Irrigation company agreed to sell the benefit of this agreement to the Canadian Agency Co., Ltd., of London for \$486,000. That is to say they sold for \$486,000. That is to say they sold for \$486,000 the benefit of the benefit of the balance of which was to go (not the balance of which was to go (not the whole of it)) to the purchase of the agreement, in other words the contract of which I shold here a copy, with the signature of the deputy with the signature of the deputy with the signature of the deputy is a say that the provision could minister attached to it, carrying to be considered in discussing this on that side of the House, to draw fands may be in the next fifteen again in being able to sell another to refer to it again in being able to sell another contract with the government for \$460,000, and the minister of the Interior to refer to it again in being able to sell another contract with the grand Trunk Pacific contractors for \$50,000. There again in being able to sell another contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific contracts with the give long distance connection for little more than the cost of postage of the was speaking on that question the other evening. Members on the other evening. Members on the other evening. Members on the other evening again in being able to sell another contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific contracts of the House long distance connection for litter contract with the grand Trunk Pacific contracts with the grand Trunk Pacific contracts of the grand Trunk Pacific contracts of the grand Trunk Pacific contracts of the grand Trunk Pacific co question, and more particularly as to the time at the command of which would be binding, placing a not sufficient to enable him to go into rigation company. In addition to the

And who are the beneficiaries in der a closed grazing lease which was this transaction? That is a point irrevocable for the term of some 20 the public would like to know someyears from this date. This was held thing about. I think the public have by the Grand Forks Cattle Co. and a right to know who divided up the so the Canadian Agency Co. had. to something live \$950,000 between buy them out. Messrs. A. E. Hitch- them. There were only two names pany in which they held more than half the share.

Prominently mentioned in the transaction—Mr. Hitchcock as holder of 77 per cent in the Robins Irrigation Co., and Mr. McC. 22 per cent in that company; Mr.

'immigration purposes."

Was subscribed many times over, so that the sales that were made could be made in cash and Messrs Hitch
Take's speech:

Contract with the Alberta Patrices of the contract with t Mr. Speaker, every member on the cock, McGregor and Major Aubyn criticised. There were certain limitations in that western country. And this was government side of the House who may have been able to realise the has so far discussed the question at issue has, it appears to me, ignored issue has, it appears to me, ignored the main point involved. Those hon gentlemen have gone into long and, and McGregor are concerned with the sometimes I am bound to say, interesting discussion on the value of irrigation to the western country. But the question of the best means There was a most radical departure

in policy when the government struck out the limit of the selling value of thought the assets of the Grand the land. It was that which gave Forks Cattle Co. were estimated too such an exceptional value to this high, and I just mentioned this as contract that the holders of it were relevant to the question as the question as the question as to whether the Southern Alfor nearly half a million dollars. The inister of the Interior made a de- some profit. Let me give one examailed statement of the terms of the ple of the valuation of those assets two contracts—that of the Robins Ir- The company had a contract with rigation Co. on the one hand, and one of the contractors of the Grand that of the Alberta Railway company on the other hand; he company and of that contract the valuator "I am prepared to say that a very cate of three persons; Mr. J. D. Mc-Gregor, was interested to the extent of the administration for deliberately omitted the one striking this contract would be from \$50,000

the right to undertake the irrigation difference between the two contracts to \$75,000." of 22 per cent. Mr. A. E. Hitchcock to the extent of 77 per cent, and Major St. Aubyn to the extent of 1 I may say that Messrs. Hitchcock and McGregor have been relieved of dicate entered into an agreement on the 23rd of July, 1906, with the Now, Sir, I am not going to vouch tion company that limitation was any severe winter—and which will or the accuracy to a single dollar, definitely omitted—purposely, I be probably arise at the close of the

> know. If it was of sufficient importance to be struck out, then it was surely of sufficient importance for a clause which could not be avaded, which would be binding, placing a rigation company. In addition to the Then, as my hon. friend from Cen-concealment of this matter, I find tre Toronto (Mr. Macdonell) has They will surely check the cold and other evidences of a desire to prevent the facts from being all clearly known by the public. The blue book containing the annual report of the m; mister of the Interior which was brought down a short time ago contains this reference to the transaction:

"A contract was entered into during the present year with the Ropins Irrigation Company of London, England, for the irrigation of a tract of 380,573 acres lying west of Waller in Bet."

Vedicin Hat." And that was all with regard to the covenant. That report was dat-ed October 27th and signed by the deputy minister of the interior (Mr. Cory). Surely Mr. Corey knew who the Robine Irrigation Co., were Surknew that they were an unregistered syndicate, as they describe themselves, of three individuals. Surely the minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) which sum will have himself knew who they were. It the actual settlers. would be unpardonable negligence on Some of the hon, members on the other side of the House have approvtheir part if they did not acquaint themselves with the names of the members of this unregistered syndied of this whole transact have expressed the hope that it wil cate with whom they were making be repeated. I sincerely hope, and this contract and did not get the sig-natures of all three of these gentle-men to the contract itself, because it on the other side of the House who men to the contract itself, because it seems to me, although I am not a lawyer, that the contract would not be binding otherwise. And the only address which this unregistered syndicate gave was Moose Jaw. Sask., although the syndicate is described although the syndicate is described in the report of the department of the Interior as the Robins Irrigation Company of London, England. Wha IMPROVING necessity was there of concealing the POSTAL SERVICE Postmaster General Makes Stat-

whom he was dealing.

Now this concession was sold by Schaffner, Postmaster General Lemter Robins Irrigation company on isux said that the government was

unable to say whether Messrs Hitchcock and McGregor are in turn in
with Major St. Aubyn in the Canadian Agency Co. On the 9th of October, just fifteen days later, the
Canadian Agency Co. agreed to sell

or whether he is acting for others,
and if so, for whom? The registrat
of joint stock companies for Alberta
furnished a statement for the shareholders of the Grand Forks Cattle
Co., and these were J. D. McGregor,
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Mr. Lemieux moved the second
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of Brandon, D. A. Ross, Vencouver, J. C. Murray, Dawson City, and J. A. Ross, of Ottawa, otherwise Senator tor Ross of Moose Jaw. Some strictures were made by our hon, friends opposite on the fact that Mr. Ross name was mentioned in connection with this. Why should it not be mentioned? He is a shareholder with others in the Grand Forks Cattle Co. They are all beneficiaries of the closed lease bargain, all are Yukon men, and we are told that they are

closed lease bargain, all are Yukon men, and we are told that they are all strictly honorable men, and I am not going to contradict the statement. Then why should not Mr. Ross' name be mentioned with this transaction? Why should his name be the only one to be omitted. Latter we find Mr. Hitchcock appearing as a shareholder of this company. We have been told by the minister of the Interior that the agreement that the company will the other evening expressed the hope that every promise contained in this prospectus might be verified and the toy company make a handsome profit. Well, while I do not each the hope that the will make the new settlers pay the rather extreme figures mentioned in that they will be not each the hope that the future—which prices I think should have been told by the minister of the Interior that the agreement to the contract—I cordially hope that the company will what he regarded as a strong recomthe speech of R-S, Lake in parliathe speech of Rshameless exploitation of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection of our do as it appears from the prospection. The company were most to that with the Alberta Railway seriously handicapped in the first information of our do as it appears from the prospection. A bill now before the company were most to that with the Alberta Railway seriously handicapped in the first information of our do as it appears from the prospection. A bill now before the seriously handicapped in the first information of our do as it appears from the proposed to the company were most to that with the Alberta Railway seriously handicapped in the first information of our do as it appears from the proposed to the company were most to that with the Alberta Railway seriously handicapped in the first information of the government for the proposed to the company were most to that with the Alberta Railway seriously handicapped in the first information of the government for the proposed to the company in regard to irregation. The company in regard to irregation. The company in regard to irregation the first information of the company in regard to irregation. The company is required to the company the company in regard to irregation the first information in favor of the proposed to the company to the company that the capital that th

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