

that nearly 17,000 had already received the bounty and that there were others to follow. So scandalous was the whole thing that the Conservative Press, the Ottawa Evening Journal one of the most ardent supporters of the Borden Government raised its voice in protest, on February 4th, in an article entitled "Bounty Farce," and pointed out that 10,000 men went to the Front, but that something over 30,000 are collecting the bounty.

"If the Government is willing to give the bounty to these men," declared the Evening Journal, "let us go after it." "If we did not happen to be alive at the time of the Fenian Raid, it is no bar, remember that if you had been you would have been willing to go to the Front."

The Pacific Construction Co. Prince Rupert

This Company in 1911-12 received a contract for building a buoy Station at Prince Rupert B.C., After a time some changes were made in the specifications but there was a stipulation that these changes involved no additional expense to the Government. Later on the Company wrote Hon. J. D. Hazen saying they were losing money and asking for relief.

The Agency of the Marine Department in Victoria were asked for a report and reported that "The extras which should be allowed amounted to only \$500." This for the moment burked the Company of its effort to get an increase. They then wanted to have their contract cancelled and do the work plus 10%.

At first the Government refused. Conservative politicians got busy. Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia took a hand. So did G. H. Barnard and H. S. Clements two British Columbia Conservative members. A second examination by the Victoria Marine Agency was ordered and eventually the Government allowed not \$500 as was first suggested but \$10,000 to the Company for "extras."

An official of the Marine Department testified before the Public Accounts Committee in April 1914 as follows:—

"That there was no justification for the payment of more than possibly \$1,500 for these, "extras."

Dismissals, Resignations and New Appointments

In 1911 Sir Robert Borden's election platform contained a plank in regard to Civil Service reform. It was as follows:

"Appointment of public officials upon considerations of capacity and personal character and not of