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THAT REVERSIONARY INTEREST.

We are told that the reversionary interest in the reserve near Kaien Island is worth nothing at all. Let us examine this claim. A reversionary interest in an Indian reservation may be worth very little while it is occupied as a reservation;

but the moment it ceases to be so occupied it ceases to be a reservation, and the reversionary interest becomes an interest in possession. We are told that the Indians have the province? sold their rights for \$7.50 an acre to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, that the Dominion gov-

ernment, as guardian of the Indians, has consented to the sale, and the money has been paid into the hands laim for better terms? of the Dominion government. We are further told that the railway company In answer to this we say that what the Indians sold was their user of the man cannot purchase a part of a reservation and hold it as such, for the nent the land ceases to be held for the use of the Indians as a to this? held for the use of the indians as a reservation, the reversionary right of the province becomes a right in posthat is to return the Conservative adthat is to return the Conservative ad-

All that the Grand Trunk Pacific ministration to power. could buy, and all that the Dominion ent could consent to the Incould not sell that user so as to vest M. Eberts is the only candidate, seek Grand Trunk Pacific bought is worth nothing at all until the province becomes a party to the transaction by connection between Victoria and Van-

that 13,000 acres of selected land say anything about it so far as we have closely adjacent to the terminus of observed. In common with all the the Grand Trunk Pacific railway are Liberals from Victoria, with the exworth nothing at all is too absurd to ception of Mr. Hall, he has at all

ber limits in British Columbia. This these circumstances it would be a great company had made default in payment of rents and royalties, and was seat in the legislature. Vancouver in urgent need of consideration at the hands of Mr. Wells. Under these circumstances it would be a great ment of rents and royalties, and was seat in the legislature. Vancouver in urgent need of consideration at the hands of Mr. Wells. Under these circumstances it would be a great ment of the search of the sear hands of Mr. Wells. Under these circumstances negotiations took place between Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury. We invite Mr. Drury to take the public into his confidence and to make a full explanation of these negotiations and the results thereof.

To assist Mr. Drury in making this explanation we invite him to answer the following questions:—

The time has come when this great question of rail connection with the Mainland must be taken up and pressed with all possible vigor, and no one can do it better than Mr. Eberts. The question is not, and we hope never will be a party one. It is a question calling for action in a broad and energetic way. It is a question, which needs some spokesman on the floor of the legislature. It must

the following questions:-

Wells for an extension of time? 4. Was the Bodwell-Prior election in the right place.

contest discussed between Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury at that time?

A SHORT CATECHISM.

the provinces?

The abolition of the limit to the increase of the per capita subsidy of 80 cents, and a graded increase in the allowance for expense of legislation and been

Has this been agreed upon?

At the Inter-provincial conference at \$200. How did Mr. McBride vote on this proposition?

He voted in favor of it.

applied to this province specially? It means a readjustment of the fin-ancial Terms of Union to meet the exceptionally expensive cost of admin-failed to correct it in his second istering the government of this province, because of its natural configuration and geographical location.

speech on the subject ought to be more careful language, or else see that Has the principle of such a read-

een admitted by the Domin- acy It was admitted by Sir Wilfrid Laur-It was admitted by Sir Wilfrid Laur-ier after Mr. McBride had presented his letter today: "Well the case of the province.

At whose suggestion was the matter
referred to the inter-provincial conference?

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lessees to cut and remove timber on the 25.800 acres for the
sum of \$500." This is very inaccur-

At the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid How did Mr. McBride wish the cas

o be settled?

By a reference to a tribunal consist ing of three persons, one appointed by the Dominion government, one by the provincial government and one by the olonial Secretary. What did Sir Wilfrid Laurier say to

He said that, if the conference remended such a reference, the gov ernment would consider it, but he urged Mr. McBride to trust his whole ase in the hands of the conference. What did the conference offer? \$100,000 a year for 10 years. Did Mr. McBride refuse this?

Why did he refuse it? Because it was wretchedly inade-quate, and the acceptance of it would have prevented the province from have prevented ssing its claim to proper compensa-

What is the position of the Opposition on Better Terms? Mr. Macdonald says that, as the provincial premiers will not give us more than the above sum, we ought to look for larger appropriations for rail-ways and public works. Will these meet the requirements of

They will not; because none of the Railway money can be used by the provincial government to meet the expense of administration and the development of Has Mr. Macdonald given up the claim for better terms? That is what his present position What does Mr. McInnes say

He says that the Liberal governmen

Ottawa will never give better terms What reply should the people make

RAIL TO THE MAINLAND As far as we have observed, Mr. D What the ing the suffrages of the people at the mothing at all until the province becomes a party to the transaction by parting with its right.

Do not run away with the idea that the first are servation or it is not a reservation or it is not a reservation then it belongs to the first what they may have given. If it has ceased to be reverted to the first are reservation then it belongs to the province.

We hold that the Indian title to the reservation has been extinguished by their agreement to accept the \$7.50 per servation has been extinguished by their agreement to accept the \$7.50 per servation has been extinguished by their agreement to the transaction and the payment of the money by the company that and they will confer a benefit what seeved the first agreement to the transaction and the payment of the money by the company that and they will confer a benefit what seever that is the land free of any charge what seever that is the land free of any charge what seever that is the land is now vova and the main and the Mainland. In low convertisition and the Mainland. In the case of this matter and pledged him that the titumer was worth? Of course he does not. Not with the licenses, to ascertio whatsoever, that is the land is now such an important project. It is not vacant crown land and may be treated as such.

Under these circumstances, to claim question. He has not thought fit to be entertained for a moment. It is sworth a large sum of money.

And yet the Dominion government wanted the province to give it away insisting that the Dominion govern-

election contests Mr. Drury took a most earnest interest in the timber question.

At the time Mr. E. V. Bodwell was running as a Liberal against Col. E. G. Prior, the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was filled by Mr. W. C. Wells, who was of course strongly bent on electing Col. It for and defeating Mr. Bodwell. Mr. Eberts can do this. He trouble to think either of them Conditions as agent for an Ontario company holding extensive timber limits in British Columbia. This tis how a new country is opened up. Mr. Drury is not only careless as to his language, but he is careless as to his declarations of policy. His language was calculated, we do not say designed to deceive the electorate; his policy would be a great in the trouble to think either of them country was acting as agent for an Ontario company holding extensive timber limits in British Columbia. This this election.

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discussed the same subject at Oak attack of pieurisy, which as yet has public as securing to the people for Bay schoolhouse last week. He then not assumed any serious aspect, but all time to come the right of access to the tassumed any serious aspect, but all time to come the right of access to the may make it impossible for him to the sea, absolutely free from the control of any corporation. In comparison, according to the same authority, "other instances of grants made by the government were 25 800 agrees.

The province sold Kaien Island for as to the price of the land sinks into into its grants made by the government were 25 800 agrees. by the government were 25,800 acres \$500. 10,000 acres sold sold for \$500, 10,000 acres sold for \$200, 5,200 acres sold for \$100 and 1,200 acres sold for \$61." Now when a man talks about selling land and issuing grants for it, his language can have only one meaning, and that How is this proved?

By the official record.

What does "better terms" mean as the great majority of those, who read his speech as reported, understood him speech on the subject. He really ought to be more careful in his use of language, or else see that he is better reported. We fear that inaccuracy of statement, we ask Mr. Drung to note that we do not say falsity, is "Well, the govern

THERE IS A BEE ON IT."

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ate, and it conveys an entirely roneous impression. In the first part the right to cut the timber is not by virtue of a lease, but only by virtue of a license, and the difference is a wide one. Next the government did not sell the right to cut and remove the timber for \$500, but for the price licenses is equal at least to the sum of fixed by the law of the right, namely, \$4.00 invested at 5 per cent., and the 22 cents per acre, or \$140 per square rate of interest may be increased by mile, per annum, subject to increase, the legislature whenever it sees fit. mile, per annum, subject to increase. This is what the party pays for his right to cut, and after he has cut the present government came in timber he must pay 50 cents a thou-lands were not yielding a dollar of sand more, subject to increase. The revenue. was a bonus, which some one paid

Mr. Drury says that in Ontario they where for any length of time. have the timber lands both cruised and surveyed. We take leave to doubt if this is true of all Ontario; but that s neither here nor there. What we want to know is whether, if Mr. Drury and his friends get into power, Railway should be accepted by they propose to tie up the timber Columbia as a compensation they propose to tie up the timber Columbia as a compensation for business until they can have the exceptionally large contributions whole province cruised and surveyed, the Dominion revenue? This We have not ridiculed Mr. Drury's substance of his observations the newer parts of the province, and it would cost British Columbia millons of dollars. To cruise and suravey this vast province would be a wear of tions as passed by the Liberal Assoaman, who sold a timber license at ciation of Victoria in regard to Mr.

tracts, held under license, sell for a it dare not.

with us in saying that Mr. Drury takes a wholly incorrect view of this question, which is one that he does not understand at all. Why should not a man, who is enterprising enough to put his hard work and his little funds into a timber license, make conception of public something out of ft? Why should the exploded scandals? government step in and forbid the prospecting of timbered areas? This wanted the province to give it away for nothing and the provincial Oppositions ay this should have been done.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. DRURY

The insistence, with which Mr. R. L. Drury in his public utterances deals with the subject of timber, recalls the fact that in the course of previous election contests Mr. Drury took a most earnest interest in the timber

insisting that the Dominion governing of timbered areas? This is what Mr. Drury says he wants, is what Mr. Drury says he wants. We can tell him that a large share of the prosperity, which this province is now enjoying, is due to the fact that for and secure good timber, and that the molitable to seek for and secure good timber, and that the molitable to seek for and secure good timber, and that the molitable to seek for and secure good timber, and that the millmen are always willing to pay this project and his promise to take for the knowledge that these hard working and energetic people acquire. This is how a new country is opened in success that needs to be bolstered up with coarseness and insinuations of such a nature. For a

The Times is emulating history by repeating itself. But the whole business is simply a waste of white paper and good ink. It is whipped, and it

Our evening contemporary says that it believes the election campaign is practically over. It was several weeks ago, as far as any arguments from the Opposition are concerned.

Opposition have had the government do? Would they have had them put

Every acre of timber land over which the present government has issued licenses is equal at least to the sum of his This is good business. Before

was a bonus, which some one paid over and above the price fixed by the legislature. The government might have allowed that particular area to go to the applicant without competition, but it seemed to be in the public interest to ask for bids, and the result was that some one paid \$500 as a bonus.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—A snort, stout and rather good-looking prodigy, which wears glasses and answers to the name of "Billy." It was brought down from the Yukon, and threatened to make Rome howl; but Rome has not howled to any extent whatever. No reward will be paid for its recovery because it will not stay anyery, because it will not stay any-

Are we to understand Mr. Richard Hall as taking the position that the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway should be accepted by British setton. It is too serious for ridi-If carried into effect, it would cule. If carried into effect, it would Times. It is an extraordinary and paralyze a great industry, at least in wholly indefensible position.

the rate of \$5 per acre for the land McInnes. Why did it not print them? embraced in it, and says that under a The Colonist did not, because it did proper system the provincial treasury not wish to publish such things about would have got that money. This is Mr. McInnes; but as Mr. Henderson a pure guess on his part. Does Mr. produced them, why did not the Times Drury happen to know why certain reproduce them? The answer is that The answer is that

could ask to develop a policy, but they have shown themselves to be utterly unequal to such a task. What is the use of entrusting the management o the affairs of a great and growing province to a lot of people, whose sole conception of public duty is to retain

The campaign is nearly at an end man, who was lately upon the bench, Mr. Henderson displays a degree of bitterness and violence almost beyond

Mr. Drury accuses the Colonist of quibbling. This is unkind of Mr. Drury. What the Colonist said was that when Mr. Drury said that the province sold either 25,800 acres of land or the timber on it for \$500, he stated what was incorrect. If Mr. Drury does not yet appreciate how wholly incor-rect he is in such a statement, he dis-plays a profundity of ignorance, which is almost beyond comprehension. I any other person than Mr. Drury had made these incorrect statements and repeated them after his attention had peen called to the error, we would have felt justified in using some other

If it had not been for the sale o Kaien Island, what would the Opposithe floor of the legislature. It must be made a live question, and the man to do it is D. M. Eberts. Therefore we say to the people of Saanich that satisfied all other considerations?

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Kaien Island certain persons stole that offer of stock to Mr. Green. It setting aside all other considerations on knew that this statement was aband night with them for nearly a year.

And yet the Kaien Island bargain was solutely untrue. a good one. The province received the The Opposition speakers have our same price per acre for it as any one profound sympathy. It must make a can buy land of that class for. The decent man feel pretty meanly to be province retains an interest in the contest discussed between Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury at that time?

5. Was it understood between Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury that Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury that Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury that Mr. Wells and Mr. Drury weites us another would grant the extension of time, and that Mr. Drury weild not take any accused him of false statements in distance of the disposition of our timester in all townsites on land active part in assisting Mr. Bodwell against Col. Prior?

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