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Railway Concession.

TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Consul-General for Peru on the railway concessions by the Peruvian Government Robert William Dunsmuir, of Columbia, points to the British trade and industry derive from this undertaking. sums will be expended in the of material and equipment also, no doubt, a large of British labor could be used out the actual construction.

Immense Construction.

port goes up to the the the roads, covering a distance of 100 kilometres, the harbour, and terminals, is about £13,000,000 spread over a period of seven years.

years. It is probable that before the expiration of this time most of the railways to be constructed will have become revenue producers.

It is proposed that the whole of the materials, tools and machinery used in the construction, as well as the rolling-stock, shall be bought in Great Britain.

These will include large quantities of cement, nails, steel bridge work and framing, corrugated iron, drilling machinery, steam shovels, pile-driving machinery, picks, shovels, and small tools of all kinds, machine shop, wood-working and smith's equipment, and the other material necessary to such an enterprise, including the docks, warehouses, freight and coal-handling machinery, river steamers and tugs, portable houses, tents, general living equipment, supplies of clothes, boots, etc., for at least 10,000 workmen and their families, who will be employed for at least seven years on the construction work.

The coal and iron mines along the course of the railways will take from Great Britain large quantities of explosives and machinery of all kinds.

Once the railways reach the mines of sugar, cotton, cocoa, tobacco, and other agricultural regions, there will be an enormous demand for traction gins and presses, sugar machinery, centrifugals, vacuum pans, tractors, steam ploughs, and, in fact, all kinds of agricultural machinery.

Special Inducement to Labor.

As a special inducement to labor the following substantial offer has been made:—
To all skilled and unskilled laborers it is intended to give, under agreement, a block of land of 40 hectares, say 100 acres (English), the surface rights of which he will hold in perpetuity, to be selected by himself, out of the land grants which the concessionaire receives under the terms of the concessions the concessionaire undertaking that such allotment shall be made in a part of the country suited to Europeans, as far as climate and general conditions are concerned.

The Concessions are generally admitted to be the most important ever granted by any government in the world, and comprise two distinct groups of railway concessions, carrying with them land grants amounting to over fifty million acres, the surface rights of which the concessionaire will hold in perpetuity; the exclusive right to the oil, coal and all other minerals found within this area for a term of 33 years; and total exemption from all taxation, including import and export duties, inland revenue, income tax, registration and stamp duties, all for a similar period of 33 years.

Further, by the terms of the concession, the Government will hand over to a company to be organized by the concessionaire under the laws of Peru, the tobacco monopoly for the whole of the Republic for 33 years, with the sole proviso that such company, while operating as an independent concern, shall not sell tobacco or tobacco products at higher prices than those ruling to-day, except where the company puts on the market superior qualities, in which case the price shall be previously approved by the Peruvian Government.

The tobacco company, its capital and revenue, is exempted from all and every form of taxation for 33 years, except from the customs duties on the importation of foreign tobaccos, which, however, the Government agrees not to increase during the life of the company.

Railways Taken Over by the Concessionaire.

The concessionaire, in consideration of the payment by him of 1,325,000 pounds Peruvian to the Government, takes over about 100 kilometres of railway in actual operation, and 170 kilometres of road bed graded. The net value of this construction is 1,725,000 pounds Peruvian.

Reviewing generally the terms of the concession as briefly as possible, it may be stated that again payment to the Peruvian Government of \$11,325,000 (Peruvian), and the depositing with the Treasury of Peru \$10,000,000 (Peruvian), (which the concessionaire has already done), the Government will hand over to the concessionaire 270 kilometres of railroad partly in full operation, valued at \$1,725,000 (Peruvian), and the tobacco monopoly of the entire Republic for a period of 33 years, free from all taxation. Further, the exclusive right for 33 years to build harbor works of all kinds at the terminal points on the Pacific, and at the eastern Peruvian Amazon terminals—for which a free grant of all necessary lands is made by the Government, except where such railway can be built to parallel those roads rights have been already granted. No other within 25 kilometres on either side for a period of 33 years. The concessionaire has preferential rights to build all extensions and branches, and has been granted a very liberal tariff for the railways, harbors and warehouses.

The Government also cedes certain land and mineral rights.

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Twain's Dinner Suit.

Days of hobnobbing with Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales who became King Edward VII. and called by Chauncy M. Depew in the fifth instalment of his "Leaves From My Autobiography," published in the March number of Scribner's Magazine.

The famous railroad man, ex-Senator and raconteur tells of a conversation between Queen Victoria and Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii during the former's jubilee, told him at that time by a court officer.

At a dinner the dusky queen said to Queen Victoria:

"Your Majesty, I am a blood relation of yours."

"How so?" was the Queen's astonished answer.

"Why," said Liliuokalani, "my grandfather ate your Capt. Cook."

Mr. Depew recounts many dinners, luncheons and talks with the Prince of Wales and tells how the Prince's equerry awakened him one night at Hobart, a German watering place, saying the prince was on the terrace and wanted to see him. What he desired to do was to discuss American affairs and Mr. Depew conversed with him until daylight at a table lit by one candle.

Once Mr. Depew went from Hamburg to the near-by nerve-cure of Nauheim, where Mark Twain was on a vacation with Dr. Joseph Twichell, of Hartford, Conn., his home town pastor, Dr. Twichell was a bright humorist and often "furnished in the rough the jewels which afterward in Mark Twain's workshop became perfect gems," Mr. Depew reports.

The famous after-dinner speaker invited Mark Twain to a dinner, and the next morning the humorist, attired in his tramping suit, met the Prince of Wales. They talked and walked for an hour, but the humorist was absent from Edward's that night. "I would have invited Mark Twain this evening, if I thought he had with him any dinner clothes," the Prince explained to Mr. Depew. Upon being told that the humorist had some dinner clothes the Prince invited him to dinner the next evening.

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