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Printed to inform B. C. citizens and intended (if deemed advisable) to aid the Meredith Commission, now sitting in Toronto, to fairly appraise the value of Mackenzie and Mann's share in the Canadian Northern Pacific portion of the Canadian Northern Railway —with fair regard to the Government cash investments which the late B. C. Government arranged with those promoters of the C. N. P. Railway.

To fix blame on the plunder-schemers, copies were given to Premier Oliver on his way to testify before the Meredith Commission.

The complete pamphlet will contain, in preface, concise financial statements, etc., and will end with some notes, etc., regarding the costly nature of the projected extension of the P.G.E. Railway through the deeply gulched Peace River Country.

In November, 1918, it seems my duty to publish these records for the information of members of the Legislature and citizens of B. C., in order that before they sanction any further railway legislation involving too heavy drains upon the Provincial treasury, they may decide upon the advisability of a commission experienced in inland water-way and railway transportation, investigating the economies and other advantages of water-transportation along the great lengths of Northern navigable Rivers and connected Lakes, so far as they can be made valuable feeders to our existing and projected railways, by utilizing the combined systems of transport as successfully applied by the Government of Sweden, who thereby developed its almost identical variety of country, to great profit, as indicated on page 18.

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