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GOVERNMENT'S ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN OUR CROWN LANDS

Another scandal looms before the disorganized Murray Government. Following close on the heels of the charges made in the House of Assembly that the government, through the Provincial farm at Truro, sold tuteular cattle knowing it to be diseased, thus working what might have been irreparable harm to the live stock of this province, comes another charge that the government illegally trafficked in crown lands for the personal gain of friends of the administration. Premier Murray had to bear the brunt of this charge, for it was friends of his who were the beneficiaries of these transactions. These grave charges were laid at the door of the government by J. C. Douglas, one of the members for Cape Breton.

AMERICANS GOT THE LANDS

Mr. Douglas recently showed that the government gave a lease for 99 years of 600,000 acres of Crown lands in Inverness and Victoria Counties to a set of Americans, who thought so highly of the Premier that they made the name of the post office at their camp "Murray," but that was only a little matter.

This grant was made ostensibly on condition that the people who got the lands should erect two pulp mills of 90 tons daily capacity each, within four years after the making of the grant, which was away back in 1899 and that they manufacture their wood products in Nova Scotia. There are no pulp mills there yet.

THE CONDITIONS CANCELLED

The American friends of the government having got the lands the next thing was to have the conditions wind up. The government cancelled the conditions in Council one condition after another cancelled by the government and soon the Americans had the 600,000 acres unconditionally. They could do with them as they liked, one thing being the shipment of wood unmanufactured. The pulp mills would be in the United States.

THE VITAL CLAUSE OVER-RIDDEN

The only clause under which the lease of the Crown lands could be legally made was section 34, subsection 2 of the Crown Lands Act, which reads as follows:

"Lands upon which hard wood is the principle growth, may also be leased under terms and conditions to be prescribed, provided the person proposing to lease the same, undertakes to expend money in the erection of mills and machinery for the manufacture of wood products or pulp."

The government made the grant to its friends, Mr. Douglas pointed out, and then as already stated, deliberately turned round and eliminated the condition regarding the erection of mills for manufacture.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THEIR FRIENDS

The government sought and found another way of helping their friends. Section 29 of the Crown Lands Act is as follows: "The Commissioner may grant, sell or lease small lots of land which are altogether or nearly surrounded by lands not held by the Crown and may also make grants of such lots held under lease from the Crown to the lessee or lessees thereof."

In the year 1910 the Attorney General put an amendment through the legislature in which the clause was repeated but WITHOUT the word SMALL, thus enabling the government to grant any further lands that the land grabbers might desire, and to which the government wished to be in a position to help them. So they struck out the limitation of the word SMALL. The amendment was smuggled through the House, the bill not being printed as is the usual custom.

THE BEST TRACT IN NOVA SCOTIA

The great stretch of Crown land,

covering 600,000 acres, is what is called "The Cape Breton Tract" and is easily the best in Nova Scotia. Professor Fernow, one of the greatest forestry authorities in the country, says the vast area given to those Americans includes twelve million cords of wood worth an average of \$2. per cord. The grant, therefore, in this respect alone, has a potential value of \$24,000,000.

A most suspicious thing about this deal, for it can be known by no other name, is that the lease was not registered in 1899 when it was made, but was kept unrecorded and secret for ten years.

GOVERNMENT'S FALSE RETURNS

Mr. Douglas also brought home to the government the charge that returns asked from the government in this matter were false and jumbled. This was in connection with a return asked for regarding the ungranted and unleased crown lands in Inverness and Victoria Counties. The returns laid down on the table have evident marks of change and mutilation. Mr. Douglas did not mince words, but plainly called it "false."

THE THIEVES DISAGREE ON DIVISION OF SPOIL

The exposures came to light partly because of the litigation in the United States over these lands, which was shown in the following clipping from a Boston paper, and which Mr. Douglas read to the House:

"An injunction today was granted by Judge Crosby in the equity motion, at the session of the Suffolk Superior Court, on a bill filed by Alfred L. Sweeney against Nathaniel Jones and others. This injunction is binding upon R E Paine, of Brookline, and Clarence Hale, of Portland, who are trustees of large paper and pulp tract of land in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia."

It appears that Messrs Paine and Hale have consolidated many interests in timber limits in counties in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and that they are about disposing to them of Messrs. Jones Schofield and other associates, for "several million dollars." Jones, Schofield and associates owe a large sum of money to petitioner Alfred Sweeney, a citizen of Massachusetts, and also Messrs. Paine and Hale from conveying these valuable timber and pulp resources to other capitalists. From information received we are reliably informed that the property involved in the option and which the injunction is to bind, has been variously estimated at from \$24,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

38 Years on the Road

The New York Mirror says:—For thirty-eight years H P Webber and the Boston Comedy Company have toured over the same territory, and when the organization starts this season for a tour through New England, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, playing throughout the summer, the roster will include Edwina Cray, Chas. Palazzi, Kenneth Flemming, Harry Brown, Claire Ward, Guy Senerac, Hattie Lewis, Elsie Bishop and Mr. Webber.

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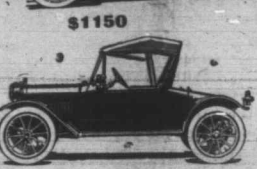
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A bill, introduced by Hon. Mr. McGregor, passed committee of the whole in the House of Assembly, Halifax, which provides that, for the first time in the history of Nova Scotia, women may be appointed to the school boards of the towns. The appointment of three of their members, may under this bill, appoint by two councillors, and select a woman as the third of these appointees. The Local Government, which has the appointment of two members, may appoint these two women. While the act is entirely of a permissive nature, it will be clearly seen that any board might be made up of three women and two men.

In Memory of Miss Eunice Cogswell

FOLDED HANDS

Pale withered hands that more than fourscore years, Had wrought for others; soothed the hurt of tears, Rocked children's cradles; eased the fever's smart, Dropped balm of love in many an aching heart, Now stirls folded; like wan roses pressed, Above the snow and silence of her breast, In mute appeal they told of labors done, And well-earned rest that came at set of sun.

Unanimous for Closure

(Vancouver News-Advertiser)

In Great Britain the Home Rule party, numbering one-eighth of the House, made legislation impossible. Mr. Gladstone introduced the first closure system, which gave the Speaker power to end a debate. This was changed until the method was adopted which Mr. Borden promises to borrow with some mitigations. No member of either party in Great Britain would suggest a return to the old rules under which, as now in Canada, any half a dozen members could make legislation impossible.

DG S Curlew, which has been in Halifax during the winter months, is again in commission in the Bay of Fundy service.

Minard's Liniment, Cures Cold, etc.

A Boston paper says: The C P R has purchased two fine stnms, the Harvard and Yale, which will be placed on the route between Boston and Yarmouth. These are said to be very speedy boats and equipped with all modern improvements.

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