

# ELECTORS, READ WHAT GREEN AND HIS COLLEAGUES SAY ABOUT THE CARON-GREEN GRAB.

## Which of Them is Telling the Truth?--All of Them Can't Be--To Get at the Facts Turn Them All Out on February 2nd.

### THE TIMES' STORY OF THE SCANDAL.

THE TIMES' STATEMENT, JAN. 22.

After many days the members of the government are at last being forced to make statements respecting the Caron-Green coal lands scandal.

On Tuesday the charge was made in the Times of gross irregularities by which R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works in the McBride government, had accepted stock as a gift from Sir Adolphe Caron representing the Trans-Continental Exploration Syndicate, which sought and obtained coal land leases along the line of the prospective route of the G. T. P. from the department. The leases were at first refused, the negotiations dating back to 1905.

Sir Adolphe then wrote to Mr. Green making an offer of free stock in the syndicate and suggesting that a friend's name be submitted to whom this stock could be issued.

Mr. Green had promptly forwarded his thanks to Sir Adolphe and named as the one in whose name the stock should issue, Neil Mackay, then Premier McBride's private secretary, later deputy chief commissioner of lands and works and now Conservative candidate nominated by Mr. Green for Kaslo. The stock was valued at \$21,000.

A difference later arose, and Sir Adolphe had to employ two lawyers in Vancouver to press his claims. In doing so the correspondence connected with this scandalous proceeding was brought before the McBride government at which all the members were present except Hon. F. J. Fulton. Mr. Green when confronted with photographs of the correspondence between himself and Sir Adolphe was dumfounded.

He, however, must have settled matters with him colleagues for he sat from May to December with them, and only two days before the election was announced, did the retirement of Mr. Green take place on the ultimatum of the Vancouver Conservatives, who knew the details of the scandal.

G. Cappage of the lands and works department, whose name has also been brought into the transaction although he denies that he had any connection with the syndicate, said that leases were issued to individuals for the Transportation Exploration Syndicate and that the company not being duly registered in this province was refused one lease. In view of the facts it is interesting to compare the statements of the various ministers. The denial of the premier at first and his subsequent contradictory admission is in keeping with the reference to him by Premier Whitney, who said he was neither "candid nor sincere."

### GREEN SAYS HE GAVE IT TO M'KAY.

MR. GREEN'S STATEMENT.

In a dispatch from Arrowhead, dated January 25th, Mr. Green says: "I arrived to-day from Trout Lake and for the first time saw copies of the Vancouver World containing charges, which I do not now hold, nor have I ever held, any stock in the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate, either by myself or through any other person; and MacKay does not hold, nor has he ever held, any stock in trust for me, or upon any understanding, direct or indirect, whereby I was to derive any benefit therefrom."

"I was never charged by any solicitor before the executive with having been bribed by Sir A. P. Caron, or anyone else, to issue any coal licenses to the said syndicate, or to said Caron or his associates, as the records of the lands and works department will show."

"No license or leases covering lands in the Pine River district have ever been granted to the syndicate, or to Caron or anyone else. Caron and his associates applied for such licenses, but their application was refused, on the ground that the government would not deal with lands in that district until the Dominion government has completed its selection of 2,000,000 acres granted to it by the Settlement Act. No promise, direct or indirect, that such licenses would be granted was ever made to them, and no licenses have ever been granted, though they were repeatedly applied for. Their applications were dealt with in exactly the same manner as were all applications made by others for licenses over lands in that district. All were refused."

"Prior to making the above applications, Caron and his associates applied for, as far as I can remember, about half a dozen licenses over lands in Telous valley. These lands were open to location, the requirements of the act were complied with, and licenses were granted to them as well as to other parties over lands in that valley. These licenses were issued in strict accordance with the act."

"I state most emphatically that no favors or concessions of any kind were ever granted by the government or myself, or the lands and works department, to Caron or his associates or the syndicate. They only received what they were entitled to receive, and all licenses to which they were not entitled were refused in the same way as to others."

"After the licenses in the Telous valley were granted, and before the applications for licenses in the Pine River district were before the department, Caron, whom I know very well, wrote me, saying he desired to take a few shares of stock in a company to be organized. I did not wish any of the stock. Mr. MacKay, then secretary to the premier, was in my office when I received the letter. I showed it to him, saying I did not want the stock, and that if he cared to take it he could have it, remarking that while I did not consider it of much value, it possibly might be worth something to him some day. He signified his willingness to take the stock, and I notified Caron to issue it to him."

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### PREMIER ADMITS THAT GREEN TOOK STOCK.

M'BRIDE AT VERNON, JAN. 25.

Premier McBride admits that Mr. Green took stock from Sir Adolphe Caron, but says he did it as a personal friend. In reply to an urgent telegram sent him by the Vancouver Province, which was signed at the enormity of the charges against the government which it now supports, Mr. McBride wired from Vernon to-night: "Any property acquired by Sir Adolphe Caron or associates has been disposed of strictly in accordance with laws, though correspondence showed that McKay, as a personal friend, accepted stock from Caron when the company was being formed."

McBride adds: "Nothing was done by the ex-commissioner in connection with any departmental business with Caron that was in any way irregular."

The premier, out of his own mouth, proves the World's charges.

### M'BRIDE SAYS "NOT A WORD OF TRUTH IN IT."

M'BRIDE AT VERNON, JAN. 24.

Premier McBride at a public meeting at Vernon again denied there had been any coal licenses issued as charged in the World. Dr. McDonald, the Liberal candidate, had been speaking about half an hour when someone laughingly called out: "Why don't you talk of the World's coal licenses?" The doctor replied that perhaps he would. He then said that last night at Armstrong's the premier had given his word of honor that the story was false; that not one license had been issued to any one as charged by the World.

He thought the premier's word might be accepted on that point, yet he had received a dispatch from the coast saying that it was acknowledged by the lands and works department that the licenses to Caron et al had been issued.

"This created a sensation. When the premier rose to make his address he said no licenses had been issued. There then was not a word of truth in the World story. It was a campaign lie. He courted the fullest inquiry into the matter. Hon. Mr. Green, while chief commis-

sioner, had done nothing that was not honorable and in the interest of the province.

Strange to say the premier's very strong denial did not carry much conviction.

### COTTON SAYS: "WELL, GREEN HAS LEFT."

CARTER COTTON AT VERNON, JANUARY 25.

Mr. F. Carter Cotton when approached by a News representative with regard to the admission of Premier McBride that Mr. Green had accepted from Caron shares in the Exploration Syndicate, but that it was a purely personal transaction, retired behind the massive bulwark of his oath of office and again refused to discuss affairs in detail.

"I have not yet read the dispatch in which Premier McBride is said to have admitted that Green received those shares. You must, however, remember that Green is no longer a member of the government, and this matter should not be taken as reflecting on the present government. Rather should it reflect credit on us that he is no longer with us."

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### TATLOW SAYS: "PERHAPS GREEN DID WRONG."

TATLOW AT VICTORIA, JAN. 25.

"A nasty charge has been made against my late colleague, Mr. Green, and I am going to tell all I know about that affair."

"A company applied for a number of coal mining licenses for lands which anyone could have got. Having obtained the licenses, the chairman of that company wrote out to Mr. Green and offered to place a few shares in his name. Mr. Green volunteered to take the shares, and did so. Mr. Green is not now a member of the government. Perhaps Mr. Green did wrong."

"Later on these people wanted more lands in the Peace River country. The government has always maintained a reserve on these lands."

"Mr. Green told these people they could not have these. They then sent out to their lawyers a copy of Mr. Green's letter in which he thanked them for their kindness in the first instance. Mr. Green still refused to issue them the licenses for this additional land. Mr. Green has never touched the stock of the company assigned to him, nor have they been able to obtain these lands in the Peace River district, which they wanted. He refused to give them anything further. "As far as anything wrong is concerned, the skirts of the government are as clean as it is possible for them to be."

## GREAT TRIBUTE TO MACDONALD

### Liberal Leader's Tour on the Mainland Has Proved Most Successful--His Success Never Questioned.

The outstanding feature of the whole campaign in the Boundary and Upper Country is the great reception given Liberal leader Macdonald wherever he appears. Even Conservatives admit that his meetings have invariably been better attended than those of Premier McBride and Mr. Bowser, and in all there has been a most notable marked personal feeling toward the future premier. All his meetings, Rossland, Phoenix, Grand Forks, have taxed the large halls to the utmost, and in all the leader has created a most marked impression.

He carries everywhere the reputation of absolute integrity, and no statement he has made on the platform in the whole campaign has ever yet been questioned. He has been fiercely attacked by the Socialists, but has invariably triumphed through his straightforward statement of his actions in the House and his intentions when in power.

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## FROM MR. GREEN'S AUTOGRAPH ALBUM

### Some Personal Tributes on Leaving the McBride Government From His Friends, Colleagues and Admirers.

### Green Goes the Whole Hog.

(TITLE PAGE--BY HIMSELF.)

The records of the Lands and Works Department will show conclusively that all transactions with Caron were carried out in strict accordance with the Act--R. F. GREEN.

NOTE BY THE AUTHOR--If you want a thing well done, do it yourself.

### Bombastes Furiosus.

"It was a campaign lie. He courted the fullest enquiry. Hon. Mr. Green, while Chief Commissioner, had done nothing that was not honorable and in the interests of the Province.--PREMIER M'BRIDE at Vernon, January 24th.

### Oh! What a Difference in the Morning.

"Premier McBride admits that Green took stock from Caron, but says he did it as a personal friend."--Dispatch from Premier to Vancouver Province, January 25th.

### Tears from Tatlow!

"Perhaps Mr. Green did wrong."--Capt. Tatlow's Speech, Jan. 25th

### Kicked by Cotton.

"This matter should not be taken as reflecting on the present government. Rather does it reflect credit on us that he is no longer with us." F. Carter-Cotton on the Green-Caron Grab.

### MARSHALL FIELD'S ESTATE.

Chicago, Jan. 23.--The executors of the estate of Marshall L. Field yesterday filed in the probate court their inventory of the estate. No statement is given showing the present cash value of the securities. It is impossible therefore to make an estimate of the value of the estate from the inventory, but counsel for the executors place the total value of the property described at seventy-five millions.

### BRINGING COAL FROM JAPAN.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 25.--Several cargoes of coal shipped from Japan will be received within the next week to help relieve the fuel famine.

### LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED.

Accident Befel Wednesday's North Bound E. & N. Train.

The north bound passenger train at noon Wednesday had an accident just below the South Nanaimo station that might have proved much more serious than it did, says the Nanaimo Free Press. While steaming up the grade at between 25 and 30 miles an hour, the left driving shaft snapped, and with the speed of the engine, leaped about in a dangerous manner, breaking in the flooring of the cab. A bolt in the right shaft broke also, and how the engine kept on the rails as the result of the damages that resulted, is surprising. The right driving wheel is cracked in four places clear through. Fireman Wilson, thinking the engine would jump the track, leaped out, and as a result sustained serious bruises and scratches about the face. He was immediately for medical attendance.

## TORY TREATMENT OF LABOR PARTY

### Solid Four Reviewed Dealings of McBride Government as They Affected the Workingman.

The Liberal meeting at Craemer's hall on Friday proved an important one from a labor standpoint. Mr. Greenwood's questions put to J. D. McNiven afforded the latter an opportunity to give a very interesting piece of information relative to the measure for fortnightly payments to workmen.

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