

3 EXCERPTS FROM THE ORIGINAL "FOREWORD" IN 1914.

"The story published on this page is the real story of the Canadian Northern in British Columbia. It reveals the sordid methods practiced to extort the last penny and give little in return. It is the 'inside' story of the crookedest railway deal in the history of Canada and proves Mackenzie & Mann to be a pair of financial tricksters. The facts are authentic and prepared by an accountant who 'knows.' For the past two years he has been employed in a position where the knowledge of the 'system' was forced upon him. For the protection of the people of British Columbia and only for that reason has he consented to tell what he knows. It is a story which all citizens of British Columbia and Canada should read and insist upon remedying. Mackenzie & Mann appear in many disguises. As titled financiers they are welcomed by the socially elect. Strip off the titles and they stand revealed as two dangerous men who exploit the money and labor of others, depriving them of returns for Government money and credit."

"The construction of the Canadian Northern Railway is the most awkward question confronting the Canadian people today. Unless the railway is completed Canada's credit will suffer very seriously for many years to come. Mackenzie & Mann, promoters of the railway, have succeeded in placing the country in such a position that there is no possibility of escape. It is not a question of politics; it is a question of the country being seriously crippled by designing schemers."

"The story of the Canadian Northern in British Columbia is a story without parallel. The government has been rendered helpless. Mackenzie & Mann are the autocrats. They do not ask; they demand.

The above was originally bordered by rules, indicating it as the "Foreword" to his story. The numbers were prefixed to the following paragraphs by M. B. Cotsworth to facilitate later reference and discussion.

N.B.—The following 269 "quoted" lines were reprinted from the above mentioned proofs, on which I underlined some important parts and noted some revisions, which Mackenzie and Mann's accountant as the originator considered it would be better to make, as we read that proof together.

Those underlined, etc., parts the printer has distinguished by setting in heavier faced type—Please bear in mind that both the "Foreword" and statement printed below were written during the Autumn of 1914, except the italic parts, added in January, 1918.

The unjust financial stringency and cruel losses inflicted upon British Columbians were mainly caused by Mackenzie and Mann's scandalous exploitations, in conjunction with certain cunning, powerful and unscrupulous politicians—long before the Great War began. Those are instanced by their Accountants' statements following; their "Real-Estate" manipulations at Port Mann, Nanaimo, etc.; together with their outrageous over-capitalization of the Dunsmuir Coal Mines and many other "profiteering deals" involving such large expenditures, which fair-working operators of Government Guaranteed Railway construction should never have been allowed (by responsible Ministers of the Crown) to sway the dominating financial power that Mackenzie and Mann acquired through political influence and our Government's credit perverted by means of excessive guarantees of Railway Bonds.