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Dr. A. W. Richardson

St. Lawrence Ward

TO THE ELECTORS:—

Ladies' and Gentlemen your Vote and influence is cordially solicited to elect me one of your representatives at the Council Board.

Yours Sincerely,

H. D. BIBBY

ONTARIO WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:—

If my attitude towards the Municipal problems of the year warrants the conclusion that my service as Alderman would be of further value to the City, I request a renewal of your trust.

W. F. NICKLE.

Kingston, 15th December, 1906.

Frontenac Ward

TO THE ELECTORS:—

I have been requested to offer myself as an Aldermanic Candidate for this historic ward, and have agreed to do so. I respectfully solicit your vote and influence to elect me as an independent workingman for 1907-8 and 9.

ROBERT T. SPENCE.

FRONTENAC WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:—

Your vote and influence are requested for my election as Alderman for the above Ward.

HERBERT N. ROBERTSON.

SYDENHAM WARD.

To the Electors of Sydenham Ward:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

Dr. Robert Hanley respectfully solicits your vote and influence to elect him as one of your representatives at the Council Board of 1907.

RIDEAU WARD.

After due consideration, I have consented to offer myself as an Aldermanic candidate for Rideau Ward at the coming municipal election.

R. J. FREE.

Kingston, Dec. 17th, 1906.

RIDEAU WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

As a candidate for Alderman, I respectfully ask your assistance and support to elect me for 1907.

JAS. F. KNAPP.

RIDEAU WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:—

Ladies and Gentlemen:—If my past record for four years warrants your continued support as an Aldermanic candidate, I would be pleased to receive your votes and influence.

J. B. COOKE.

RIDEAU WARD.

TO THE ELECTORS:—

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Having been urgently requested by a number of the electors of the Ward to offer myself as a candidate for the Council, for 1907, I have decided to submit my name. If elected, I promise to give the duties pertaining to the office my best attention. I would request of those who have so persistently urged my candidature to work to secure my election.

Yours truly,

HUGH DOUGLAS.

A grafter by any other name would still be a thief.

AXE HAS FALLEN

THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT PUTS OUT CLERK.

Accepts a Resignation He Never Put In—The Treatment Accorded to An Old Servant—But Places Are Needed.

Brockville Recorder.

Another chapter has been enacted by the Whitney government in reference to the division court clerkship at Brockville. Saturday D. B. Jones, who holds that position was surprised on opening his mail to receive a letter from the provincial secretary's department stating that his resignation had been accepted, and I. J. Mansell was named as his successor.

The particulars of the case as stated in the Recorder some time ago are to the effect that when the Whitney government decided on a wholesale slaughter of liberal office-holders, including division court clerks, license inspectors, fishery overseers, justices of the peace, etc., etc., the occupant of the Brockville office was slated for decapitation. Such a course was pursued, but then difficulties arose and albeit that the axe had fallen on Mr. Jones the government were, in his case, not able to carry out their programme. Mr. Jones refused point blank to resign or hand over the books of the office to Mr. Mansell, giving a reason that he was appointed in 1871, by the late Judge Steele, at a time when division court clerks and bailiffs were appointed by the county judges, and further, that the act of 1880 concerning division courts did not apply to him. Here was a dilemma and the result was that the appointment of Mr. Mansell was cancelled and Mr. Jones was continued in the office.

The government saw they were in a hole and set about to provide a way to relieve Mr. Jones of his office with the result that on the last day of the last session of the legislature an act was passed placing such removals in the hands of the government and Mr. Jones was to go.

After the last session of the legislature Mr. Jones was again notified of his dismissal, but later that notice was withdrawn, the department saying it was an error.

A rather peculiar feature of the case is that in the letter of dismissal which Mr. Jones received Saturday, the deputy provincial secretary says that the department accepts his resignation, when as a matter of fact Mr. Jones has declined to resign and has so told the government.

There is no justification whatever for the dismissal, as Mr. Jones is a capable and painstaking official, and the sole object in dismissing him is to provide a job for a Whitney follower.

It might also be pointed out that when the act of 1880, known as the division court act was being discussed in the house the conservative opposition of that time opposed it strenuously, and the result was that a clause was inserted stating that clerks appointed previously could only be removed upon having been proven incompetent or guilty of wrong-doing. The reason for the opposition of the tory members of the legislature is obvious. At that time nearly all the county judges were conservatives and were appointing conservative clerks, so that by placing the appointments in the hands of the lieutenant-governor-in-council, they would be subject to the pleasure of the liberal government. Sir Oliver Mowat saw the reasonableness of the contention and so framed the act that all clerks appointed previous to its coming into force were exempted from its provisions unless, as has been stated, incompetent or guilty of wrong-doing. The result is that many of the clerks other than those removed by death are still holding office, and did so through the many years of liberal rule in Ontario.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

Some More Cobalt Fortune Comes Renfrew Way.

Renfrew Mercury.

Renfrew, as has been said before, has seemed to have more than usual good fortune come its way from Cobalt. Recently, four citizens had $10,000 divided between them, as a result of a deal that for a time they had counted as of not much value. Two years ago Messrs. J. E. H. Barnet, Joseph M. Plaunt, P. R. Cumming and J. A. Jackes were interested in a proposition and sold it to the Silver Hill Mining company. The proposition then lay quiescent for a time; but the Silver Hill company sold the mine for $200,000; and, it is rumored, that in turn these purchasers have sold for $500,000. However, the Silver Hill people recently paid up the $10,000 to the original Renfrew owners.

Theatrical Divorce.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A divorce and $50,000 alimony were granted to Frances E., wife of George Middleton, the rich theatrical manager. Mrs. Middleton testified that her husband forbade her to speak to him two years ago; that he often threatened to kill her, and sometimes struck her.

Prevost, at the New York clothing store, Brock street, has made a great reduction in price, in the order and ready-made clothing department; also the gents' furnishing. Everything will be offered at a great reduction in price. The stock is well assorted, with new goods in every department.

Brakesman Frank West and Switchman William Allan, both of Brockville, were injured in a railway collision at that town early yesterday morning.

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OUR HOLDINGS

We own and control 26,240 acres of coal and oil lands in Alberta and British Columbia, on which $140,000 cash has actually been spent in development work. Every dollar we get from the sale of stock is going straight into development work on the lands.

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Our Preference Shares carry a guaranteed dividend of six per cent. annually, from the start. Absolutely no personal liability.

There are actual assets of $367,500 back of the proposition which is made you now by

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The active management of the Company is in the hands of business men of known standing. Our President is A. E. Woods, Man. Director of the V. W. and Y. Ry. Co., and the Victoria Terminal Ry. Co., of Vancouver. Hon. R. E. McKechnie, former President of the Council in the Govt. of B.C., is our Vice-President. Our Treasurer is J. R. Seymour, President of the North American Trusts and Loan Co. of Vancouver. J. B. Ferguson, the mining man, is our Managing Director and Secretary.

Other Directors include: **John Hendry**, General Manager and President B. C. Mills, Timber, and Trading Co., Pres. V., W. and Y. Railway, President Victoria and Sydney Ry. Co., President Stave Lake Power Co.' of Vancouver, **A. St. G. Hamersley**, President and Founder North Vancouver Ferry Company of Vancouver. **James Jeffrey**, Secretary Victoria and Sydney Ry Co. of Vancouver. **John N. Lake**, Director of North American Life Insurance Co. of Toronto. **Joseph E. Miller**, Collector of Inland Revenue for British Columbia of Vancouver.

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Bonus of One Hundred Per Cent.

With every ten shares of this Preference Stock we offer a **Bonus** of ten shares of Ordinary stock, which will participate equally in the profits after the Guaranteed Dividends have been paid. These Ordinary Shares are held, to the amount of 500 or more shares each, by every director and officer of this Company. They **must** make money for **you** before they can make any for themselves.

This sound secured investment is one of the safest business propositions in Canada for any investor. One of our properties alone—the Chipman Creek Mine—is estimated by J. E. Woods, C.E., to have Twelve Million Tons of high-grade coking and domestic coal.

That amount of coal alone will pay at least Two Hundred Per Cent. dividends on the par value of our whole capitalization. We can get our coal to market, and get it there cheaply, and the market is waiting and will pay good prices. You may have been offered coal mining propositions which cannot develop for years because they are far away from railways. Don't class this with them, for every one of our properties is easily tapped by trunk line railroads.

What Oil Wells Will Earn

Besides our sure-paying coal lands, we own oil fields that in all probability will be producing 500 barrels of oil a day within a year. We own two wells that experts say will deliver 100 barrels of oil a day.

A contract has been let for drilling five oil wells to be sunk on the Company's oil lands, which are in the heart of the great crude oil belt of the North-West. For every barrel of oil the Company produces the Government pays 52½ cents bounty, and the Company still owns the oil. If the wells produce only 100 barrels a day all told the Company will earn $15,750 a year in bounties in addition to the value of the oil. That value at wholesale will be not less than seven dollars a barrel, and the whole cost of production and refining deducted, the net profits per barrel will exceed six dollars a barrel.

Our lands in Alberta are in the very district where the J. J. Hill interests have lately been buying largely. We had the first choice.

Bear in mind that we own our lands; we have prospected them; we **know** the coal and oil are there—lots of it, and with a market waiting for it. We own the only known oil lands in British Columbia that are on a railway. We own two wells that experts tell us will produce a hundred barrels of oil a day. We have let contracts for drilling five more wells that will almost certainly be productive. We believe honestly that within five years we shall have fully one hundred producing wells on our oil lands. Under our charter we have the very valuable right to build pipe lines anywhere, and the railway runs so close to the lands we have already successfully prospected for oil that a gravity pipe-line will deliver the product without any expensive pumping relays. J. W. Warren, of the Winnipeg Oil Co., says in an official report that he never found anywhere a crude oil equal to our Alberta product, and he adds that "it seems impossible to doubt that the Alberta wells will in the future be able to supply the Canadian market."

Prospect of Great Profits

Think for a moment what our offer really means to you. For every hundred dollars you invest you receive Ten Shares of Preference Stock, on which you receive six per cent. on the par value. You also receive, free of all cost, ten ordinary shares, which share equally in the Company's profits after the preference shares are paid their dividends. So that **your dividends from the very start will pay you six per cent. a year on your investment,** with a strong probability that they will be much larger in a very short time. Savings banks will pay you not more than four per cent. and you do not share in their profits at all.

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