

SOME OTTAWA GLIMPSES

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British Columbia Despoiled

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia have sent out a Macedonian cry to the Dominion Government to help them by means of a Royal Commission to investigate the affairs of British Columbia.

Their allegation is that the province with the connivance of leading members of the McBride Government, has been practically gutted by the exploiters and the broad outlines of their case are set forth in a pamphlet compiled by M. B. Cotsworth, an English statistic of repute, who has been several times called in by the McBride Government as an expert and who consequently knows his British Columbia like a book.

Citizens of Canada were greatly disgusted with the strong-arm gang in Manitoba. Their work was coarse and careless. They did not even take the pains to hide their tracks well. They did not flatter the public by praising any Machiavellian arts of deception.

Beside the British Columbia outfit of blackjack artists, highblinders and porch climbers, the Manitoba gang look like a band of Epworth Leaguers engaged in an uplift meeting. Manitoba is worrying over a matter of a million, perhaps two million, if the Agricultural site is included, but what the looters did to British Columbia runs into hundreds of millions and then some.

The alienation of British Columbia lands as traced by Mr. Cotsworth takes shape as a colossal crime which misleading statements by cabinet ministers, cooked statistics and false maps have failed to cover up.

The British Columbia people are asked to believe that there are over 30,000,000 acres of and surveyed and held for the pre-emptor alone; that 45,000,000 acres of this lies within three miles of a railway; that all these lands have been rescued from the clutches of the speculators and that they are free to the settler who is given every assistance to get on the land.

The old man had made his money, penny by penny, keeping one of those seven-by-nine corner groceries in a workingman's quarter. Every dollar he represented a self-denial, patient thrift, abstinence from what many of us regard as the necessities of life that he might have a nest-egg for his old age.

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The laws of British Columbia set a limit of 640 acres for any one person until he has cultivated his first purchase to the extent of \$3 per acre. But in 1907 the McBride Government amended the Land Act by adding these words: "Land may be staked or located by an agent under this section."

With these signatures and a bogus power of attorney which purported to give an irrevocable transfer of the land from the person whose name is used to the grabber, these land thieves sent their agents out to stake the best lands along the line of prospective railroads, whose location had been tipped off to them by friends on the inside.

As a matter of fact staking was so eager that it ran ahead of the existing surveys, and when Mr. Cotsworth, as chairman of the Civil Service Commission, drew attention to this abuse he was met with the suggestion from the Executive Council that he hand in his papers, and his work on the commission, and accept \$8,000 for his time and trouble.

All of which goes to show that the bona-fide British Columbia settler has a fat chance under the McBride system of exploiting Crown lands. The alienation of the public domain, however, is only a small part of the indictment against the British Columbia Government.

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A woman's rights—to be talked to in tenderness. Treated with candor and frankness and care. A comrade, companion through all this dark wilderness.

A woman's rights—to have means without asking for. Every five cents that she needs in her life. Her gladness the object of all you are taking for.

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EXPLAINS NEW MOVE

Evacuation of Warsaw Due to Lack of Arms.

In response to a request from the Associated Press for a statement on the present situation at Warsaw, the Russian Embassy in New York gave out the following:

"A vast number of men with full equipment and amply supplied has been directed against the Russian forces in the Polish capital. On the western front (in Poland) there has been concentrated nearly the entire Austro-Hungarian army, excepting the forces assigned to duty on the Italian border, and in addition seventy divisions of the German army supported by nearly all the German cavalry."

This lack of arms and ammunition is the reason why Russia has adopted a defensive mode of warfare. Although not so plentifully supplied with the means of waging war, Russia has succeeded, thanks to the heroic tenacity of her troops, not only in checking for the space of nearly three months the forward rush of her enemies, but in inflicting countless losses upon them.

A war is not decided by the invasion and occupation of any section of territory by one combatant or the other, but rather by the final outcome of the struggle between all the forces engaged. Consequently, the power which husbands its strength until the end must win.

"Russia's means are inexhaustible and she is only beginning to develop her powers, while the strength of the Germans and Austrians has reached its highest point. They cannot avoid failure in the future. The line on the western frontier was always the weakest in the strategic position of Russia. We did not count in our plans upon holding possession for the first period of the war, of the region within the sweep of the Vistula and territory bordering on this river."

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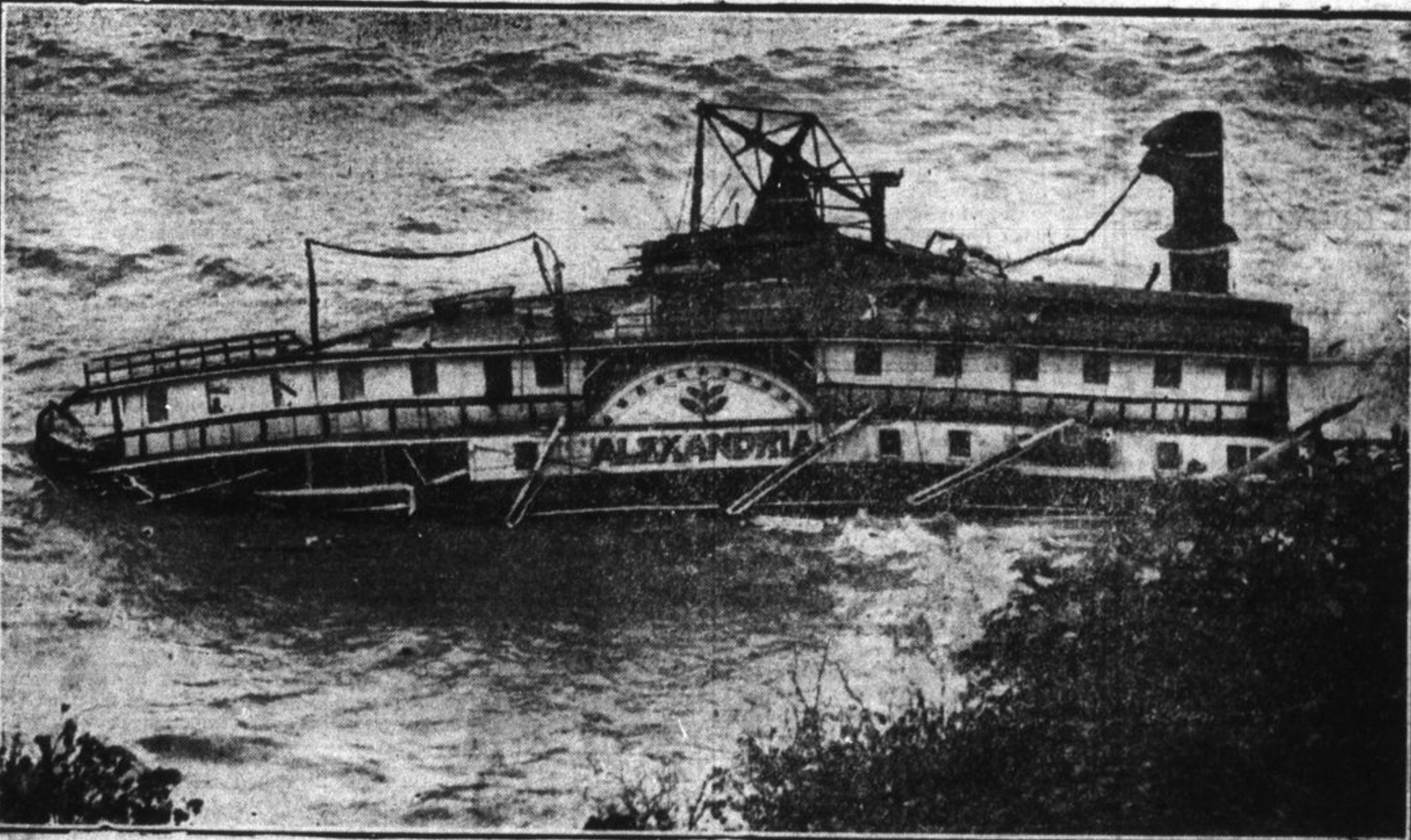
A woman's rights—to have means without asking for. Every five cents that she needs in her life. Her gladness the object of all you are taking for. Proud of the comrade you have in your wife. Proud of her beauty, devotion—and giving her. More than a mere casual mention or less—

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SAVED FROM LAKE ONTARIO WRECK WITH LIFE LINES.



In one of the worst storms in the history of Lake Ontario the Canadian Steamship Lines' freighter Alexandria, from Montreal to Fort William with package freight for Western Canada, was driven ashore on the famous Scarborough Bluffs, at Toronto's front door.



The Wreck of the Steamer Alexandria.

The Newest Notes of Science

A compressed air hammer has been invented for breaking up pavements.

Cigars are now regularly exported from the Philippines to 40 countries.

Milk sterilized by electricity will keep sweet in capped bottles for eight days.

The British Government is establishing a very powerful wireless station in Jamaica.

Virginia is the leading state in the production of soapstone, Vermont ranking second.

In some portions of Switzerland granite is so plentiful that it is used for telegraph poles.

The rivers of the United States are wearing down its lands at a rate of about a foot in 3,120 years.

By reconstructing some parts an English railroad is used for light work a locomotive built in 1847.

Clamps have been patented that grip the rungs of ladders and planks to form substantial scaffolding.

An English engineer has patented an attachment for automobiles to collect the dust they raise in running.

To cool the air in a room an Iowa inventor has combined a pan to hold a block of ice with an electric fan.

A camera with which motion pictures of the aurora borealis have been made has been built by a Swedish scientist.

Stumps are reduced to shavings, which are drawn by vacuum into bags for removal, by a new rotary cutting machine.

Safety is claimed for a new third rail in which each section is electrified only as a train is about to make use of it.

The census that Holland took early this year gave the country a population of 6,335,470, a gain in ten years of 438,241.

For doctors use in examining the throat a new pocket electric searchlight is equipped with a mirror for

throwing the rays just where needed and with a folding wire guard for holding the tongue down.

For increasing the circulation of hot air from a heating plant an electric fan of less speed than usual has been designed.

A French automobile alarm consists of a pair of bells rung by a propeller that is whirled by the air through which it passes.

The pen is inserted against a spring in an Oregon inventor's penholder and can be adjusted and held in position by a set screw.

Russia's first pneumatic postal service will be established in Moscow, followed by similar installations in several other cities.

A New Jersey barber is the inventor of a comb that can be attached to one blade of a pair of shears to save time in cutting hair.

Experiments have shown that paper pulp can be economically made from the stalks of the millet that grows prolifically in Manchuria.

To lessen automobile headlight glare, a Californian has invented a paper bag resembling a Chinese lantern to enclose an entire lamp.

A battery invented by a French electrician is claimed to give six times the usual current by heating its contents to the boiling point.

A lock has been invented which is said to make it impossible for the head of a sledge hammer to fly off the handle, even if it be broken.

A 1,000-horsepower turbine, driven by the explosion of producer gas and air, is running a high voltage dynamo successfully in a German city.

An Ohio inventor's baby carriage is provided with extra wheels to permit it to be raised or lowered over a curb without jarring an occupant.

Two Canadian scientists have found cobalt superior to nickel for plating other metals, being more durable, requiring less time to apply and

providing equal protection with a thinner deposit.

In Frankfurt, Germany, household waste is collected and burned in a plant that provides steam to dynamos that produce about 1,000 horsepower.

A motorcycle street-sweeper for smooth pavements has been invented, carrying in front of the sweeping mechanism a steel brush to loosen dirt.

In a new French nutmeg grater, the grating portion is a circular plate which is revolved by a crank as a nut is held against it within a tube.

A new French automobile windshield has a hinged center section which may be opened to any desired extent to lessen the resistance of the air.

To make meat tender, an Oregon man has invented a machine that passes it between a roller and level plate, both covered with corrugated steel.

A boatman on a shallow Missouri river drives his craft with an aerial propeller which is so mounted that it can also be used to steer the boat.

By a mechanical process, oil is being extracted on a successful scale in Italy from the heretofore refuse grape seeds of the wine-making districts.

A coal shovel has been patented with a reservoir in the handle from which oil can flow upon coal as it is handled to make it ignite more quickly.

More than 35 per cent. of the mileage of German railroads is laid upon iron ties, one state, which is rich in forests, using them almost exclusively.

An automatic fire-escape has been invented in the form of an endless chain ladder that descends at the same speed whether one or more persons are on it.

A Danish scientist has designed an electro-chemical apparatus for storing up the energy of sunlight and transmitting it in the form of electric energy.

Experiments by scientists have shown that fruits breathe and that cold storage delays their ripening by

causing them to breathe more slowly than normally.

A theory has been advanced by a French scientist that electric currents can be made to take the place of food in sustaining life to a considerable degree.

To enable a person to make the correct change in the dark a Rhode Island man has patented a purse with a properly shaped compartment for each kind of coin.

In connection with a new hotel at Honolulu there will be built a glass walled shaft in which guests of the house can descend into the sea and watch its life.

A clock run by electricity drawn from the earth that has been in continuous operation in Pennsylvania since 1875 is the nearest thing yet to perpetual motion.

Although he lost a hand while experimenting with radium a French scientist has constructed a laboratory and will devote the remainder of his life to its study.

For turning pages of music on a piano or organ rack an Ohioan has invented a pneumatic device, operated by a rubber bulb that can be pressed with the hand or foot.

A luminous paint for automobiles invented in England is said to be so effective that a car coated with it is visible at night for two miles without the use of lamps.

When sugar first was made from beets it took about twenty tons of beets to produce a ton of sugar; now it requires but six tons, due to scientific breeding of the beets.

Swiss opticians have developed an arc light in which the carbons are impregnated with iron salts, producing a light rich in ultra-violet rays, for scientific purposes.

Cars containing apparatus for disinfecting the clothing and baggage of passengers who have been exposed to contagious diseases have been put in service by an Italian railroad.

As a substitute for the floor mat there has been invented a device provided with horizontal brushes to remove dust from the soles and tops of shoes and the bottoms of trousers as well.