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SOME OTTAWA GLIMPSES

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British Columbia Despoiled

Union of the Lower Mainland of Brit- umbia set a limit of 640 acres for ish Columbia have sent out a Mace- any one person until he has cultidonian cry to the Dominion Govern- vated his first purchase to the extent ment to help them by means of a of \$3 per acre. But in 1907 the Royal Commission to investigate the McBride Government amended the affairs of British Columbia. The Land Act by adding these words: Union demands that the robbers be "Land may be staked or located by brought to justice and tha tthe guilty an agent under this section." This parties, whether companies, syndi- joker clause permitted any man to cates, indivduals, cabinet ministers stake thousands of acres of land in or government officials who have the names of others who had never shared in the plunder, be jailed and seen it, said names being easily obforced to disgorge. The Ministe- tained for a dollar, or a drink or the rial Union is a body of meek and mere asking from those who never long-suffering men. It has no poli- intended to take up land. years of McBride rule in British Col- power of attorney which purported umbia has left it in a state of alarm, to give an irrevocable transfer of the bordering on panic. Unless the graft- land from the person whose name is ing is stopped they see nothing but used to the grabber, these land economic and social ruin for one of thieves sent their agents out to the most richly endowed provinces in stake the best lands along the line the Dominion.

ment, has been practically gutted by power to stake land by agent was an the exploiters and the broad outlines increase of 162 per cent. in applicaof their case are set forth in a pam- tions to purchase land in 1909, and phlet compiled by M. B. Cotsworth, 361 per cent. In 1910. In the first an English statist of repute, who has three years after the amendment was bene several times called in by the passed, a total of 2,274,560 acres McBride Government as an expert, was staked in this way by 117 agents. and who consequently knows his The average per staker in 1910 was British Columbia like a book. Cotsworth naturally thought he had lowing the amendment 33 stakers been called in to tell the truth, but cornered 524,720 acres. The railwhen he found his reports suppress- way legislation of 1910 practically ed, his work on the Civil service doubled the value of these stolen Commission choked off, and his own honor assailed by attempts to bribe him, he threw up his task in disgust and joined the reformers. In Mr. of lands and thus secured the for-Cotsworth the Ministerial Union have a splendid ally—he supplies the facts, figures and detailed knowledge; which put their charges beyond ques-

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 practising any Machiavillian arts of deception. What they wanted they went out and took, and if there were eye witnesses they got them out of the country after giving them their share of the swag to keep quiet. Nothing new or delicate about these methods—just plain assault and bat-tery and highway robbery with abduction and subornation of perjury thrown in for good measure. But what they did to Manitoba, brazen as it was, is not a circumstance to

what happened in British Columbia. Beside the British Columbia outfit of blackjack artists, highbinders and porch climbers, the Manitoba gang look like a band of Epworth Leaguers engaged in an uplift meeting. Manitoba is worrying over a matter ten years, and have at last turned found nothing but sand and moun- Treated with candor and frankness against a Conservative Government tain scenery. which conserves nothing but its grafting friends and its own pocket. bona-fide British Columbia settler prison warden, began life in a jail, system of exploiting Crown lands. and if a judicial investigation into The alienation of the public domain, Part of your hoping and planning the British Columba scandal pans howesver, is only a small part of the out as well as the Ministerial Union indictment against the British Colexpects, it is not unlikely that some umbia Government. Coal lands, distinguished statesmen may spend a timber resources, railway subsidies,

The alienation of British Colum- transformed, as the Vancouver Sun bia lands as traced by Mr. Cotsworth remarks, a flourishing province takes shape as a colossal crime which "into a community which is not far misleading statements by cabinet short of bankruptcy and where emministers, cooked statistics and false ployment is at a minimum." maps have failed to cover up. The British Columbia people are asked to believe that there are over 90,-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 actual facts, as ascertained by the Ministerial Union's too old to go," he said simply; "but enquiry, are these. There are perhaps 18,000,000 acres of available agricultural land in British Colum- savings bank and drew out my savbia of which 90 per cent, has been handed over to land grabbers and The old man had made his money, speculators operating under "dum- penny by penny, keeping one of those my" names with the connivance and seven-by-nine corner groceries in a legislative assistance of the British | workingman's quarter. Every dol Columbia Government. Of this ag- lar of it represented self-denial, paricultural land there is not an acre tient thrift, abstinence from what left within twenty miles of a rail- many of us regard as the necessities way or a waggon road, and the "all of life that he might have a nestred folder" issued by the Government | egg for his old age. And, now with | the effects of liquor; and any person | ish scientist. is a cruel piece of misrepresentation. the snows of some seventy winters of whom that is true is to be congra- Stumps are reduced to shavings, head of a sledge hammer to fly off forests, using them almost exclusive- arc light in which the carbons are Millions of acres are held by land lying white on his unbowed head, tulated. One of the effects of liquor which are drawn by vacuum into the handle, even if it he broken. grabbing syndicates controlled from he gave his little "all" for his coun. is to decrease the victim's powers, bags for removal, by a new rotary A 1,000-horsepower turbine, driv- An automatic fire-escape has been ing a light rich in ultra-violet rays, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, San Fran- try. Then he went back to pocket particularly his power of locomotion, cutting machine. cisco. Chicago, New York, London, the modest profits of selling the big. indeed, there is a ribaid song which Safety is claimed for a new third and air, is running a high voltage chain ladder that descends at the Cars containing apparatus for dis-Berlin, Paris and the European cen- gest bull's eyes known to commerce says, with perfect accuracy: rail in which each section is electri- dynamo successfully in a German same speed whether one or more infecting the clothing and baggage of res of mance. There is reason to to eager and censorious "kids" with believe that Cabinet Ministers and | "a cent to spend." Government officials are interested as silent partners in many of these syndicates. The statistical pages of have been invented for making temthe Agricultural Commissions report porary repairs to automobile tires of 1914 has been cleverly manipuby holding torn or punctured sec-

Ottawa, Aug. 5 .- The Ministerial | districts. The laws of British Col-

of prospective railroads, whose loca-Their allegation is that the pro- tion had been tipped off to them by vince with the connivance of lead- friends on the inside. The immediing members of the McBride Govern- ate result of this amendment giving Mr. 20,832 acres, in the two years follands and 84 "stakers" cornered 1,-749,840 acres in that year. The Land Act of 1911 doubed the price tunes of the lucky speculators. Staking thereafter went on at the rate of 450,000 acres a week. The game was a sure thing and everybody with a pull wanted to get in on it,

As a mater 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, end his work on the commission, and accept \$8,000 for his time and trouble. It was also suggested that Mr. Cotsworth get rid of his Chief Engineer, Mr. F. C. Gamble, who was as incorruptible as he was, Commissioner Cotsworth accepted none of the suggestions, stood by his Chief Engineer, and brought in a report that was never printed. Although the Supreme Courts of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada have both declared that this method of staking land is fraudulent and illegal, the game went right along until the boom burst. The lands are assessed at 10 cents an acre, although the Government paid 40 cents an Honored and trusted as you are or of a million, perhaps two millions if acre for railway subsidy lands in the the Agricultural site in included, but same districts. The grabbers usuwhat the looters did to British Col- ally secured this land from the Govumbia runs into hundreds of mil- ernment on a part payment of fifty v ions and then some. Sir Richard cents an acre, perhaps paid nothing McBride appeared recenty before the further on it, not even taxes, and Davidson Commission at Ottawa and then re-sold it at higher prices-not pointed out what a patriot he was a bit of it at less than seven dollars All but your evil and anger and sinin purchasing a brace of submarines and a half an acre-to unsuspecting for \$480,000 more than the manu- settlers who were unable to get a And that she will know by the light facturers' price, a bewidering sort of proper title to the land. Often enarithmetic, which goes a long way ough these foreign speculators were Which is surely a gift , if it isn't a towards explaining the present finan. not particular about the land they cial troubles of British Columbia, sold, and many cases of hardship The people out there have enjoyed have arisen among settlers who that kind of arithmetic for the last | thought they had bought farms and

All of which goes to show that the A comrade, companion through al good part of their declining years in pulp leases and company promotions

A Poor Man's Offering

Canadian Courier. An old man in a faded suit clothes which did not suggest opulence turned up the other day in an office where they were accepting subscriptions for machine guns. He lugged out of his pocket a bulky roll which contained just \$750. "I am they tell me that one machine gun is worth fifty men; so I went to the ings to buy one-and here they are."

Anchor plates connected by chains lated to cover up the most glaring tions together without the use of instances of land grabbing in certain | tape.

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. Furthermore, the Turks have diverted a portion of the Russian army to the Caucasus.

"As a result of the exceptional development of German and some Austrian industries, the enemies of Russia dispose of enormous quantities of artillery, machine guns, and rifles and a most abundant supply of ammunition. Russia has encountered a temporary difficulty in supplying her forces with sufficient arms and anymunition to fight against an enemy so plentifully equipped as Germany and Austria-Hungary. Neverbeing taken to remedy this defi-

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. We have undermined by degrees the strength of their attack, and, as is proved by the poor physical condition of the prisoners taken by us, we have brought them to a state of considerable ex-

"A war is not decided by the inva sion and occupation of any section come of the struggle between all the forces engaged. Consequently, the power which husbands its strength until the end must win. A change of the front line may be regarded as necessary for the purpose of placing the troops in more advantageous position to continue the strife.

"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 strate gic position of Russia. 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. Consequently, as far back as 1910 Russia withdrew a portion of her forces from this territory into interior provinces and established her principal line of defence along the middle reaches of the Niemen, and thence in a southerly direction as far as Brestlitovsk."

A Woman's Rights, A woman's rights-to be loved as she should be.

A woman's rights-to be part of you Your hopes and your aims and your Your outgo and income, your losing

A woman's rights—to be talked to and care:

this dark wilderness. Premier McBride, as the son of a has a fat chance under the McBride Part of your passion as well as your prayer: and dreamnig,

> Part of your sorrow and trouble and Part of your laughter and sunshine and gleaming. are sources of scandal which have Knowing you, all of you, all that's to know.

> > woman's rights-to have mean without asking for

Every five cents that she needs in her life; Her gladness the object of all you are tasking for, Proud of the comrade you have it

your wife; Proud of her beauty, devotion-and giving her More than a mere casual mention

A thing to be round when you need something done, And pair for at times with a bonnet or dress .- Baltimore Sun.

Alcohol and The Bayonet.

New York Times.

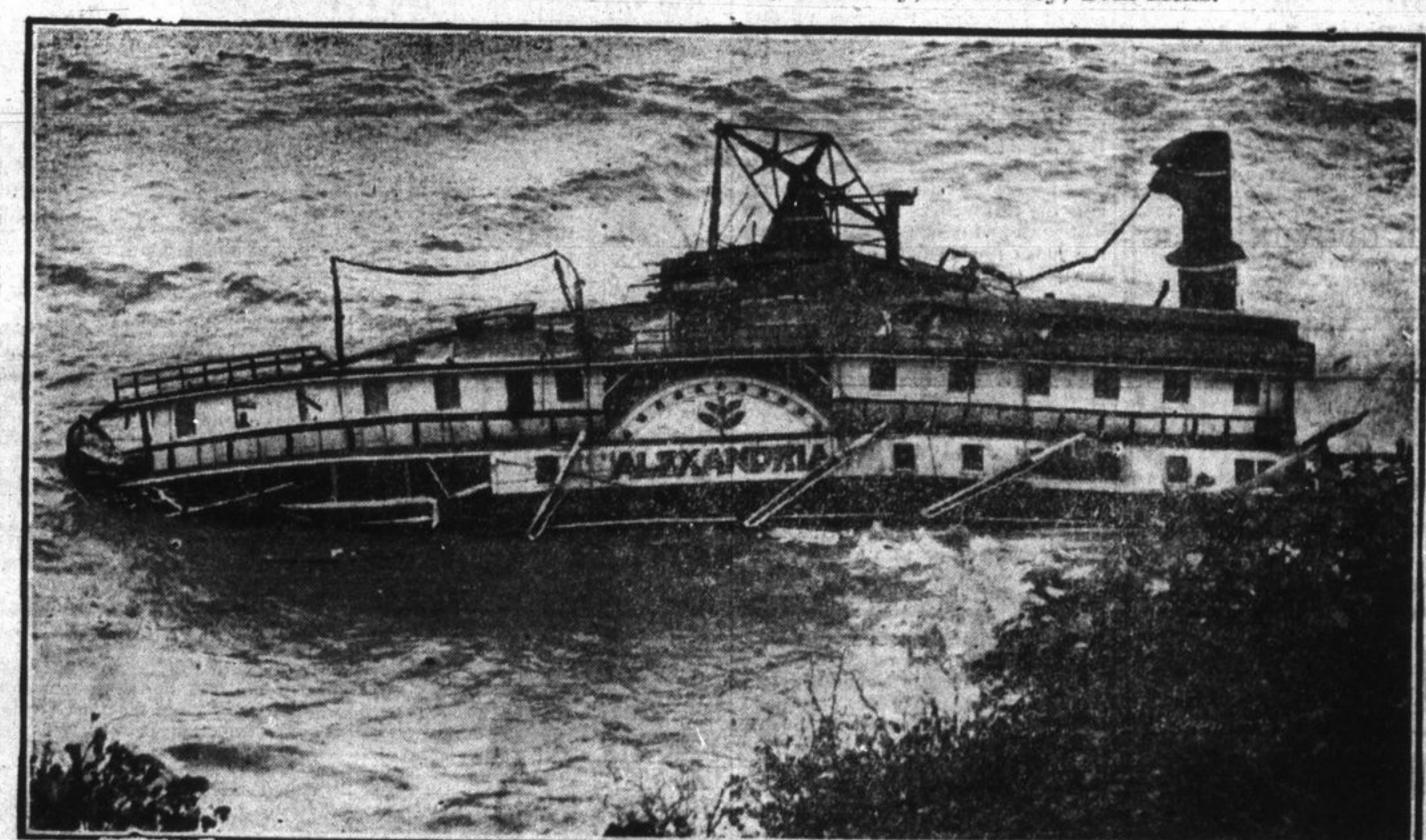
your head feels queer. voice is strong.

Renton, Scotland, etter-carrier.

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 Scarboro Bluffs, at Toronto's front door. For several hours, while the vessel was breaking to pieces in the storm, the sailors' lives were despaired of. Finally, through the bravery of farmers on the shore, a life line was got to the steamer and in the darkness all were taken off. Above are eleven of the survivors, photographed a of territory by one combatant or the few hours after the accident. Back row:-Robert Law, George Lovell, Frank Purdell, Wm. Kennedy. Front row:-Sam Scriver, Ted. Gibbs, Floyd Duvall, U. O'Rourke, J. Hickey, Jas. Riley, Tom Mills.



The Wreck of the Steamer Alexandria.

The Newest Notes of Science

from the Phillippines to 40 coun- hot air from a heating plant an elec- ing mechanism a steel brush to loos- with a properly shaped compartment

Milk sterilized by electricity will been designed. eight days.

lishing a very powerful wireless sta- through which it passes. tion in Jamaica.

production of soapstone, Vermont holder and can be adjusted and held extent to lessen the resistance of the tinuous operation in Pennsylvania

for telegraph poles. The rivers of the United States are in several other cities. about a foot in 9,120 years. English railroad is usir for light time in cutting harir. work a locomotive built in 1847.

Clamps have been patented that per pulp can be economically made By a mechanical process, oil is be- ed by a rubber bulb that can be presgrip the rungs of ladders and planks from the stalks of the millet that ing extracted on a successful scale in sed with the hand or foot, to form substantial scaffoldings. grows prolifically in Manchuria. Italy from the heretofore refuse A luminous paint for automobiles. An English engineer has patential To lessen automobile headlight grape seeds of the wine-making dis-There is one thing for which con- an attachment for antomobiles 'to glare, a Californian has invented a tricts.

who are still clinging to the fairy To cool the air in a room an Iowa tern to enclose an entire lamp. tale about how soldiers are made inventor has combined a pan to hold A battery invented by a French which oil can flow upon coal as it is When sugar first was made from drunk before they can be induced to a block of ice with an electric fan. electrician is claimed to give six handled to make it ignite more beets it took about twenty tons of engage in a bayonet charge. Their A camera with which motion pic- times the usual current by heating quickly. insistence demonstrates that they tures of the aurora borealls have its contents to the boiling point. have never had occasion to observe been made has been built by a Swed- A lock has been invented which is age of German railroads is laid upon tific breeding of the beets.

When your heels hit hard and your fied only as a train is about to make city.

use of it. When your legs are weak and your The census that Holland took ear- is provided with extra wheels to per- electro-chemical apparatus for stor- to service by an Italian railroad. ly this year gave the country a popu- mit it to be raised or lowered over a ing up the energy of sunlight and As a substitute for the door mat

A compressed air hammer has throwing the rays just where needed been invented for breaking up pave- and with a folding wire guard for holding the tongue down.

tric fan of less speed than usual has en dirt. keep sweet in capped bottles for A French automobile alarm con- the grating portion is a circular Henolulu there will be built a glass sists of a pair of bells rung by a pro- plate which is revolved by a crank as walled shaft in which guests of the The British Government is estab- peller that is whirled by the air a nut is held against it within a tube. house can descend into the sea and

Virginia is the leading state in the spring in a Oregan inventor's pen- which may be opened to any deired from the earth that has been in conin position by a set screw. In some portions of Switzerland | Russia's first pneumatic postal To make meat tender, an Oregon perpetual motion,

wearing down its lands at a rate of A New Jersey barber is the inventor steel. of a comb that can be attached to A boatman on a shallow Missouri life to its study. By reconstructing some parts an one blade of a pair of shears to save river drives his craft with an aerial For turning pages of music on a

gratulations are due to the ladies collect the dust they raise in running. paper bag resembling a Chinese lan- A coal shovel has been patented visible at night for two miles with-

said to make it impossible for the iron ties, one state, which is rich in Swiss opticians have developed an

An Ohio inventor's baby carriage A Danish scientist has designed an contagious diseases have been put in-Two Canadian scientists have tric energy.

a causing them to breathe more slowl In Frankfort, Germany, household A theory has been advanced by a waste is collected and burned in a French scientist that electric curplant that provides steam to dynamos rents can be made to take the place that produce about 1,000 horse- of food in sustaining life to a con-

than normally.

siderable degree.

for each kind of coin.

since 1879 is the nearest thing yet to

and will devote the remainder of his

effective that a car coated with it is

A motorcycle street-sweeper for To enable a person to make the smooth payements has been invent- correct change in the dark a Rhode Cigars are now regularly exported For increasing the circulation of ed, carrying in front of the sweep- Island man has patented a purse

> In a new French nutmeg grater, In connection with a new hotel at A new French automobile wind- watch its life. The pen is inserted against a shield has a hinged center section! A clock run by electricity drawn

granite is so plentiful that it is used service will be established in Mos- man has invented a machine that Although he lost a hand while excow, followed by similar installations passes it between a roller and level perimenting with radium a French plate, both covered with corrugated scientist has constructed a laboratory

> propeller which is so mounted that plane or organ rack an Ohioan has Experiments have shown that pa- it can also be used to steer the boat. invented a pneumatic device, operat-

> > with a reservoir in the handle from out the use of lamps.

More than 35 per cent. of the mile- it requires but six tons, due to scien-

en by the explosion of producer gas invented in the form of an endless for scientific purposes.

persons are on it.

impregnated with iron salts, produc-

passengers who have been exposed to

You're drunk, by heck, you're lation of 6,336,670, a gain in ten curb without jarring an occupant. transmitting it in the form of electhere has been invented a device provided with horizontal brushes to re-For doctors use in examining the found cobalt superior to nickel for Experiments by scientists have move dust from the soles and tops has a woman throat a new pocket electric search- plating other metals, being more dur- shown that fruits breathe and that of shoes and the bottoms of trousers. light is equipped with a mirror for lable, requiring less time to apply and cold storage delays their ripening by as well.