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## TIMBER ROYALTIES

Dissatisfaction with the  
Provincial government's pro-  
posed increase of stumpage  
dues from fifty cents to one  
dollar per thousand is intense  
and criticism of the govern-  
ment's proposed action has  
become bitter. Not only is the  
government charged with dis-  
crimination in favor of the  
holders of Crown-granted tim-  
ber lands, but it is also charged  
with bad faith to those  
who have taken out timber  
leases under the present con-  
ditions and the rates which  
have hitherto prevailed.

The discrimination in favor  
of the Crown-granted holders  
will, when the new royalties  
become effective, amount to a  
dollar per thousand feet. On  
Vancouver Island there are  
793,000 acres of Crown grant-  
ed timber lands and on the  
Mainland there are 552,000  
acres, none of which is affect-  
ed by either the proposed or  
the old rates of dues. There  
is, therefore, over thirteen  
hundred thousand acres of  
timber lands competing with  
the licensed lands of the pro-  
vince with a handicap of a  
dollar a thousand in favor of  
the former. This amounts to  
a very serious discrimination  
and works a hardship upon  
those who are operating un-  
der licenses.

Furthermore, the increased  
royalty is tantamount to an  
act of bad faith on the part  
of the government. Whether or  
not those who have taken out

timber licenses during the  
past five years were given any  
understanding that the dues  
would remain stationary, the  
fact cannot be gainsaid, and  
the government must be aware  
of that fact, that licensees  
have taken up those timber  
lands in the belief that the  
dues would not be increased.  
The government may be with-  
in its legal rights in increas-  
ing the dues without notice,  
but we submit that it is not  
good policy and is bad busi-  
ness.

Once give the outside cap-  
italist the feeling that the re-  
gulations affecting his invest-  
ments in British Columbia are  
subject to arbitrary changes  
without notice and the flow of  
foreign money into the prov-  
ince will undoubtedly be  
checked.

The question of whether or  
not the government have pur-  
sued a wise course in alienat-  
ing the timber lands of the  
province to the extent they have  
is beside the point of the pre-  
sent discussion. The proposed  
increase in the royalties in-  
volves not only the govern-  
ment's good faith, but it means  
a harassing discrimination  
upon a very large number of  
investors who have put their  
money into British Columbia  
timber lands, expecting fair  
treatment from the govern-  
ment.

The question is one of con-  
siderable moment to the pro-  
vince, and the government  
should go slow in taking its  
proposed action.—Vancouver  
Sun.

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## METHUEN MAY BECOME GOVERNOR GENERAL

Stated on High Authority That  
He Will Succeed Duke  
of Connaught.

London, Feb. 18.—It is stated  
on very high authority that the  
next governor general of Canada  
will be General Lord Methuen,  
who commanded the first division  
of the first army corps in the  
South African war from 1899 to  
1902.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Although  
the exact date has not been  
definitely fixed, it was announced  
the other day that Their Royal  
Highnesses the Duke and Duch-  
ess of Connaught will leave for  
England about the end of March,  
perhaps a week or ten days be-  
fore the close of the month. They  
hope to be back in Canada before  
the end of May, and may be in  
Ottawa again before Parliament  
rises. The announcement makes  
it certain that the Governor Gen-  
eral is determined to come back  
to Canada to complete his term.  
He has accepted an engagement  
to be in Toronto at the end of  
May and will doubtless accept  
other engagements for later in  
the summer.

## THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF SOLDIER'S FAMILY

Give Two Hundred and Nine  
Years' Service to Their  
Country.

London, Feb. 18.—Mr. Peter  
McKenna, who holds an appoint-  
ment under the education com-  
mittee of the East Riding County  
Council, takes a legitimate pride  
in the remarkable record of his  
family's service in the Fifteenth  
East Yorkshire Regiment.

Nearly a hundred years ago Mr.  
McKenna's grandfather inaugu-  
rated the soldiering history of the  
family, and since then the reg-  
iment has never ceased to have a  
representative on its strength.

The following is an interesting  
compilation prepared by Mr. Mc-  
Kenna, giving the periods of  
service of various members of  
the family:

Grandfather joined 1820;  
served 23 years.

Uncle John joined 1841; served  
15 years.

Uncle James joined 1853;  
served 23 years.

Father joined 1854; served 23  
years.

Brother John joined 1872;  
served 6 years.

Brother Joseph joined 1874;  
served 23 years.

Brother Edward joined 1876;  
served 21 years.

Brother Peter joined 1882;  
served 22 years.

Brother Owen joined 1888;  
served 18 years.

Nephew Edward joined 1895;  
served 9 years.

Nephew Jesse joined 1900;  
served 12 years.

Nephew Jesse joined 1904;  
served 11 years.

Nephew Reginald joined 1909;  
served 3 years.

Total, 209 years.  
Mr. McKenna adds that of this  
209 years' service, roughly 103  
years were spent abroad. The  
connection of the family with the  
regiment is likely to continue for  
thirty years longer at least, as  
the three nephews last mentioned  
are still serving, and Mr. Mc-  
Kenna has four boys to join.

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est circulation in Northern B.C.

## GRAFT ACCUSATIONS CAUSE HUGE UPROAR

Manitoba Legislature the Scene  
of a Wild Uproar—"The  
Man Higher Up" Cal-  
led Responsible

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 19.—A  
wild scene took place on the  
floor of the Manitoba legislature  
at a recent session, when T. H.  
Johnson, the member for West  
Winnipeg, made charges of graft  
against "the men higher up" in  
connection with the Brandon As-  
ylum contract. The incident oc-  
curred when the report of the  
public accounts committee came  
before the House for adoption.

The item that caused the trou-  
ble was one for one hundred and  
thirty thousand dollars for the  
building of the two wings of the  
asylum. These were at first in-  
cluded in the original contract,  
but were eliminated so as to al-  
low the contractor to complete  
the main building so that pa-  
tients could be removed from the  
winter fair building.

A reduction of one hundred  
thousand dollars was made in  
the contract on account of this.  
The contract for the wings was  
subsequently let for \$130,000.  
The increase was explained by  
the provincial architect as be-  
ing caused by the increased cost  
of labor and material.

Mr. Johnson in his remarks  
said that the whole matter was  
"a job." He did not blame the  
architect, but "the man higher  
up." The house was immedi-  
ately in an uproar and for nearly  
half an hour the members howled  
at one another, while the  
speaker tried vainly to maintain  
order.

Hon. C. Campbell, the Minister  
of Public Works, demanded the  
name of the man higher up, while  
the premier pounded his desk  
and shouted "coward" at Mr.  
Johnson who for a while main-  
tained that he had not made a  
direct charge of graft. Order  
was finally secured when the  
charges of graft were withdrawn.

## CAPT. SHACKLETON TO TO AGAIN TRY THE POLE

New York, Feb. 18.—Just be-  
fore his departure for England,  
Capt. Shackleton announced his  
determination to go again to the  
South Polar regions. Human  
lives were nothing, he said, if by  
their sacrifice they could add one  
iota to the sum of human know-  
ledge.

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## AUTOMOBILE BANDIT CAPTURED BY POLICE

Telephone Operator Gave Clue  
That Led to Capture of Bandit  
Who Shot Policeman.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Robert  
Webb, automobile bandit and  
slayer of Policeman Peter Hart,  
was captured here after a revol-  
ver battle and a desperate hand-  
to-hand struggle, in which the  
highwayman was clubbed into  
submission by half a dozen po-  
licemen.

Webb apparently had been hid-  
ing on the South Side. He was  
forced to telephone a woman  
friend for money.

An alert telephone operator  
caught the message and notified  
the police. Webb told the woman  
to bring \$300 to a certain street  
corner so that he could leave the  
city. A hundred officers were  
soon scattered around the neigh-  
borhood, and a few minutes be-  
fore the appointed hour Webb  
was seen walking toward the  
rendezvous.

Two detectives started after  
him. Webb saw the officers and  
ran into a building and out the  
back way. He was seen by other  
policemen and the waiting offi-  
cers took up the chase. Webb  
was overtaken at last by Police-  
man Patrick Courtney and with  
the aid of other officers the ban-  
dit was taken to headquarters.

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